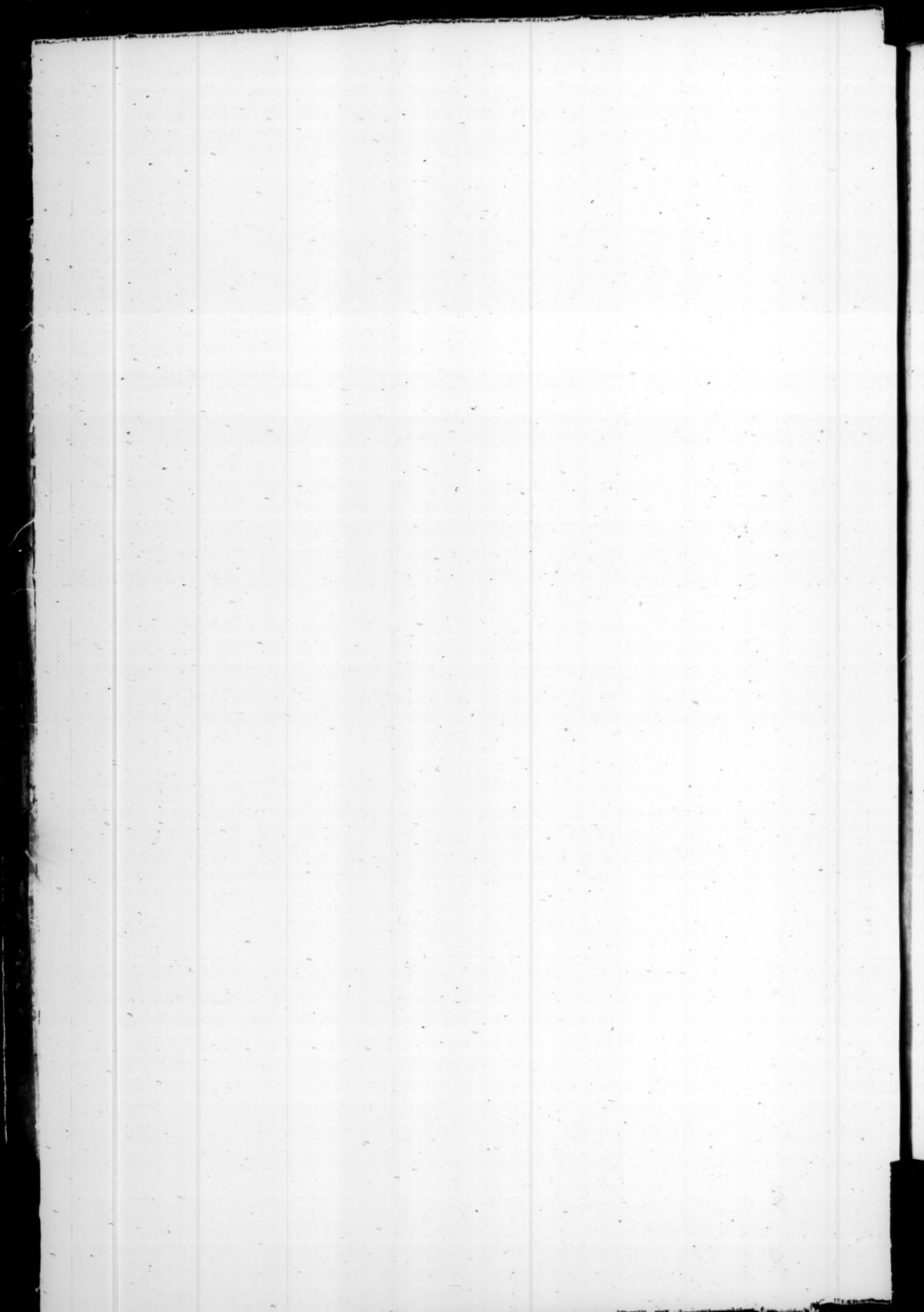


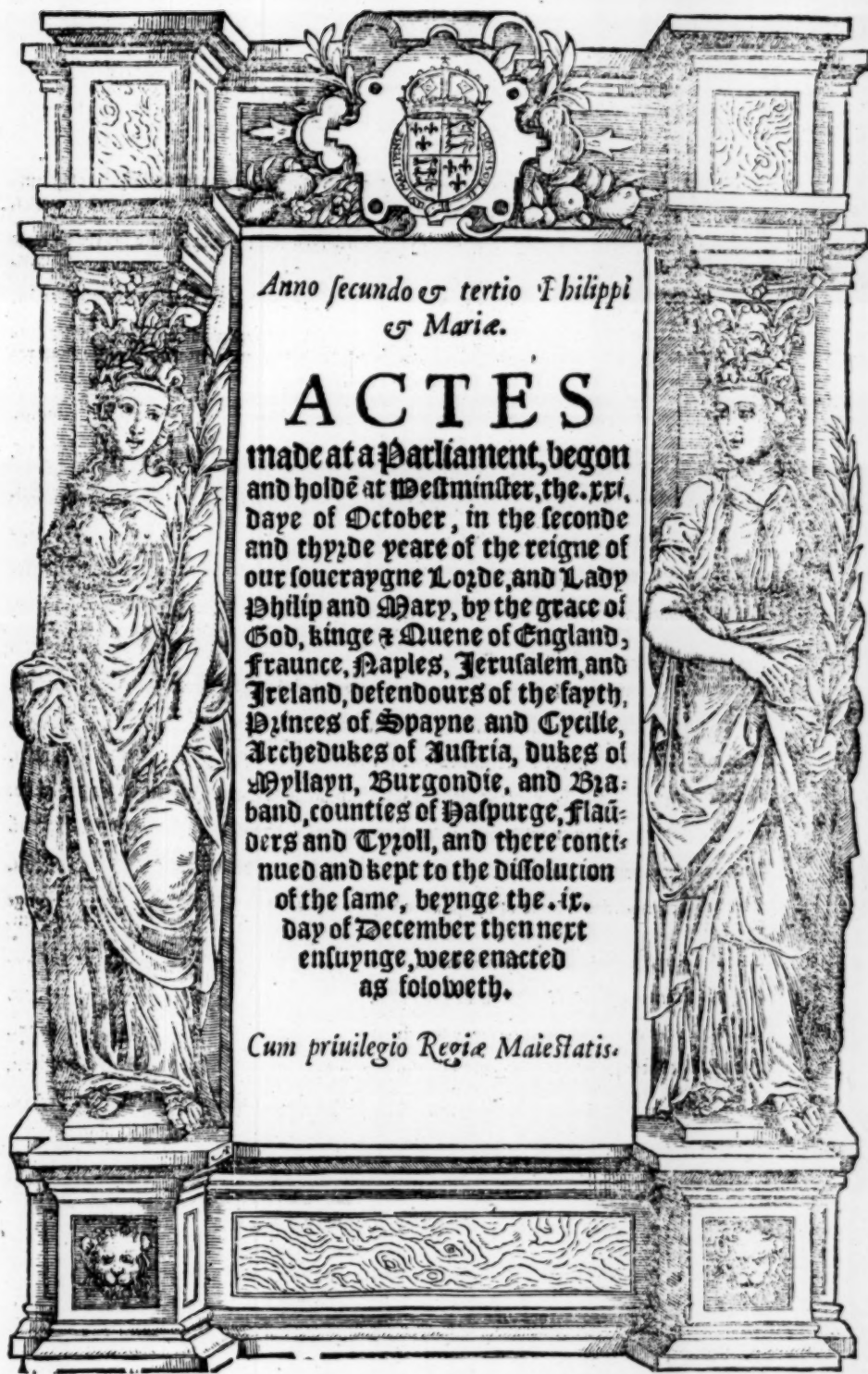
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**An Acte for the reedifying of Castells and fortes, and
for the enclosyng of groundes, vpon the
borders to wardes Scotland.**

The first Chapter.



OR the better habytatyon
restorynge, and reedyfynge of the
Castelles, fortresses, and fortelettes,
byllages, and houses that be decayed
within the Countyes of Northumber
lande, Cumberlande, Westmerlande,
and the Bishoppes of Durham. And
for the better manuring, and employ-
inge the groundes wythin the same,
and for the more encrease of tyllage.

Be it enacted by the kynge and
Quenes maiesties, the Lordes spiry-
tuali and tempozall and the comunons of thys presente parliamente as-
sembled, and by auctoritie of the same, that from and after the fyfthe
daye of December next ensuyng commysion vnder the greate Seale
of Englande, shalbe directed from tyme to tyme, as nede shall requyre
to suche persones as shalbe therevnto named and appoynted by the
kyng and Quenes Maiesties, and theyres and Successours of the
quene, by theyr byll or bylles signed with theyr signe manuell to be dy-
rected to the Chancelloure of Englande for the tyme beyng whiche
commysions shalbe accordynge to the maner, fourme, tenoure and ef-
fecte hereafter ensuyng. Whilip and Mary. R. Knowe ye that we haue
assigned you or any number of you beyng Site at the leaste of the whi-
che we will that A. B. & C. shalbe thre to be oure Commysioners, to
surueye oure Countyes of Northumberlande Cumberlande Westmer-
lande and the Bishoppes of Durham or as much thereof as to you or
fite of you wheteof A. B. and C. shalbe thre shalbe thought conuenient
and by such wayes and meanes as you best can to enquire what and
how manie castelles, fortresses and fortelettes, byllages howses, and
habitations haue ben decayed within the same, and by whom and by
what occasions and howe many of them are mete to be reedyfied, and
also howe many castelles, fortresses, and fortelettes, byllages, howses
and habitations were mete to be made of new within the sayd Coun-
ties and Bishoppes, and in what places the same were moste mete to
be situate, and what partes of the sayde Countyes and Bishoppes
be most apte for to be enclosed and conuerted to Tyllage or other ne-

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cellarye manuraunce mete and conueniente for those countreys and the people of the same. And also to enquire what persones be owners Lordes, Proprietaries, fermours, and Possessours of the same or clayme any interest in the same, and what estate or estates, termes, or interestes, they, or any of them haue of and in the same. And thereupon to take such order for the reedifying of such Castelles, Fortresses and Fortelletes, Villages, houses, and habitations, heretofore decayed, and for the newe erectyng and makynge of others, and the scituations of the same and for the enclosynge and conuertynge to village or other necessarye manuraunce, suche partes and portions of the sayde countreys and byshoppyke as to you, or syre of you wherof A. B. & C. shalbe thre, shalbe thought most mete and conuenient.

Provyded alwayes that by colour or vertue of this commission you doo not reedifye, newe make, or inclose, or cause to be reedified newe made and enclosed, as abovesayde in any place or places, in any of the sayde countreys or Byshoppykes beyng in dystaunce and lyeinge aboue twentye myles from the known partes of the borders of Scotlande. And we doe geue vnto youe, or to anye member of you beyng syre at the least wherof A. B. and C. shalbe thre, full power and auctoritie, to enquire by the othes of the honest and lawefull men of the countreys of Northumberlande, Cumberlande, Westmerlande, and the countie palentyne of Durhain aforesayd, aswell within the liberties as without, by whome the truth maye be beste known, who hath or holdeth anye Landes, or tenementes, or vbleth or perceyuethe any common of pasture, or other proffytte appender, in the said counties or byshoppyke throughout the whole partes of the same, & al those persones and euery of them, or suche of them, to take assesse, charge, distrayne and payne after the quanttie of theyr landes, tenementes and rentes, by the number of acres and perches after the rate of euerye persones proffytte, rente or tenure or after the quanttie of theyr common of pasture or proffytte, appender or other comodities there, by such wayes and meanes, and in such maner and fourme, as to you, or syre of you wherof A. B. C. to be thre shal seme mooste conueniente to be ordeyned and done for the reedefynge makynge newe, and enclosynge as is aforesayde. And also to depute and assigne diligente saythfull and true keepers, Baylyffes, Surueyours, Collectoures Expenditours, and other ministers and officers, suche as you oure sayde commissioners that shall appoynte them, wyll aunswere for, for the reedefynge newe makynge and enclosynge, as is aforesayde, and finishing of the premysses and euery of them. And to heate the accomptes of the Collectoures, and other ministers of, & for the receipt & laying oute of the moneye that shalbe leuied and payed in, and aboute the sayd reedefynge, newe makynge, enclosynge and finysshynge of the premysses

ses and of euery percel therof, and to distrayne for the arrearages of euery such collection, taxe or assessement, as often as shalbe expediente, or otherwyle to punyssh the debtoours and deteynours of the same, by fynes, amerciamentes, paynes, and other lyke meanes after your good discretions. And also to arrest, and take as manye cartes, oxen, beastes, and other instrumentes necessarye, and as many workemen and labourers as for the doyng, makynge, and finysshynge of the premysles, shal suffice, payng for the same competent wages, salarye and stypend And also to take suche and as manye trees, woodes, vnder wooddes, quickefettes, stone, and tymber, and other necessaryes, as for the same workes, and reparations shalbe sufficient at a reasonable pryce by you or syre of you, of the whych we wyll that A. B. C. shalbe thre, to be assessed or limited aswell within the limittes and boundes aforesayde, as in any other place and places, within the sayd countie, countyes or countye palentine. And to make and ordeyne statutes, ordynaunces, and prouisions, from tyme to tyme as the case shall requyre for the safeguarde, conseruation, redresse correction and reformation of the premysles, and of euerye of them after the lawes, and customes of Runneme merthe, in the countie of kent, or otherwyle by any wayes or meanes, after your owne wysedomes and discretions, and to heare and determine all and singuler the premysles, aswel at our lewte as at the seute of any other whatsoeuer complayning before you, or syre of you, wherof. A. B. C. shalbe thre after the lawes and customes aforesayde, or otherwyle, by any other wayes or meanes, after your discretions. And also to make and directe writtes, preceptes, warrauntes, and other commaundementes, by vertue of these presentes to all Sheriffes Baylyffes and all other ministers, offycers and other persons, aswel within the libertyes as wythout before you, or syre of you wherof the said A. B. C. to be thre at certayne dayes, termes and places, to be prefixed to be retourned and reccaued and further to continue the proccesse of y same. And finally, we doo geue vnto you or to any number of you, beynge syre at the least wherof A. B. C. shalbe thre full power and authoritie to do all and euery thyng and thynges whych shalbe requysite for the due execution of the premysles, by all wayes and meanes after your discretions. And therfore we commaund you that at certayne dayes and places, when and where you, or syre of you wherof the said A. B. C. to be thre shall thynke expedient, ye shall mete together and surueye the sayde counties and byshoppyke, as is aforesayde, and accomplishe, fulfyll, heare, and determine, all and singuler the premysles in due fourme, and to the effecte aforesayde, after your good discretions And al suche, as ye shall fynde negligente, gainsayinge, or respytynge your doynges and procedynges, in & for the due execution of this our Commyssion, that ye do compell them by dystrelle, fynes, or amerciamentes,

merites, or by other reasonable punishments, wayes, or meanes, whiche to you, or fyre of you, whereof. A. B. C. shalbe three, shall seme mooste expediente for the spedie remedy and redresse thereof.

And all suche thynges as by you shalbe made and ordeyned in thys behalfe, aswell within the liberties as without, that ye doo cause the same firmelye to be obserued, doyng therin as to our Justyces apperteyneth after the fourme and effecte of this present comynssyon, & the acte of parliament concernyng the premysse made and prouided, and accor dyng to your wisedomes, and discretions, Sauyng alwayes to vs such fynes and amerciamentes as to vs therof shal belong. And we also commaunde aswell our sherife or sheryffes of our sayd counties of Northumberland, Cumberlande, Westmerland, and þe byshoppe of Durham and euerye of them, as all and euerye other baylyffes, ministers, and officers within the said counties and countie palentine, that they and euery of them shall cause to come before you, and sixe of you, of the whiche A. B. C. shalbe three, at suche dayes and places, as ye shall appoynt vnto them, such and as many honest menne, of hys or theyr baylewyke or towmes, aswell within the lyberties, as wythout by whome the trueth may be best knowen, to enqurre of the premysse or anye parte thereof, commaundyng also al the sayde sheryffes, ministers and officers, aswell within the lyberties as wythoute, that they and euery of them shalbe attendaunte to you, in and aboute the dewe execution of this our commission. In witnes whereof we haue caused these our letters to be made patent, Witnesse our selfe at the daye of in the yeres of our reygnes.

And it is also enacted, that euery such person, as shalbe named commissioner in the sayde commission, after that he shall haue knowledg thereof, shall effectuallye, put his diligence, and attendaunce in and aboute the execution, of the sayde Comynssyon. And he shal take a coppye of the, before the Lord Chauncelloure or before such to whom the sayde Lord Chauncelloure, shall directe the kynges wytte of *Dedimus potestatem*, to take the same, or before the Justyces of the Peace, in the quarter Sessions holden in the Shyre where such Comynssyon shalbe directed. The tenour of whiche othe hereafter ensueth. He shall sweare that you to youre conynge, witte, and power, shall truelye and indifferentlye execute the auctoritie to you given by thys comynssyon, without any fauor, affection corruption, dreade, or malycie, to be bozne to any manner person or persons, and as the case shal requyre you shall consent and endeuor your selfe for youre parte, to the beste of your knowledg, and power, to the makynge of suche hole some, Juste, equall, and indifferent lawes, and ordinaunces as shalbe made and deuised by the most discrete and indifferent number of your fellowes,
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being in Commission with you, for the makinge, erection, and preservation, of all and euerye such thynges, as are conteyned and specified in the sayd Commission. And the same Lawes, and Ordynaunces to your connyng, wytte, and power cause to be put in dewe execution without fauor, mede dyrade, mallice, or affection, as God you helpe, and all Sayntes.

And ouer that be it enacted, that the Commissioners, hereafter to be named in any of the sayd Commissions, according to the purport and effecte of the same Commissions, shall haue full power, and authoritie, to make constitute and ordeyne Lawes, ordynaunces, and decrees, concernyng the premysles, and further to dooe all and euerye thing, mentioned in the sayde Commission, accordyng to the purport effect, wordes, and trewe meanyng of the same, and the same Lawes, decrees, and ordynaunces, so made to reforme, repell and amende and make newe from tyme to tyme, as the cases necessarye shall require.

Wherby alwaye and be it enacted that yf anye persone or persones beyng assessed, or taxed, to anye Lotte, tax, or chardge, for anye Landes, Tenementes, or hereditamentes, within the Lymyttes of anye Commission hereafter to be directed by vertue of thys Acte, doo not paye the sayde lotte, tax, and charge accordyng to the ordinaunce and assignement of the Commissioners, hauyng power, of the execution of the sayde Commission, by reason whereof it shall happen, the sayde Commissioners hauyng power of the execution of suche Commission for lacke of paymente of suche lotte, tax, and chardge to decree and ordeyne the same Landes, Tenementes, and hereditamentes, from h owner, or owners thereof, & theyr heyres, and theyres executours, and assignes, of euery of them, to anye person or persones, for terme of yers terme of lyfe, in fee simple, or fee tayle, for paymentes of the same lotte tax, and charge, That then euerye suche decree, and ordinaunce, soo by them made, ingrossed in parchmente, and certyfied vnder their Seales, into the Courte of Chauncerye, with the Kynges or Que- nes, her heyres or Successoures, royall assent, hadde to the same, shall bynde all and euery person and persones, that at the makinge of the same decree had any ryght and interest in the same, their heyres, and Successoures for ever.

Wherby alwayes and be it enacted, that no order, or decre to be made by the sayde Commissioners or anye of them, shall bynde, or conclude, any ryght or Interest of anye person, or persones, nor the breach of any decree or order, shall be cause of forfeyture, of the ryghte or Interest, of anye person or persones, excepte the same decre, and ordynaunce, so made by the sayde Commissioners, and Sire of them, whereof. A. B. C. shalbe thre, be ingrossed in perchment, and certified vnder their Seales into the Courte of chauncerye, and that the roy-

all assent of the kyng and Queene her heires or Successours, be fyrste had to the same.

Þrouyded also and be it enacted that every Decree & ordinaunce so hadde, made certyfied and assented vnto shall bynde all and euerye person & persones, that at the makynge of the same Decree had any interest, in the landes Tenementes, or hereditamentes soo decreed, in vble possession, reuertion, or remaynder their heires and feoffes, and euery of them. And not to be in anye wyse resourmied onles it be by auctoritie of parliament hereafter to be summoned and holden wythin this Realme. Sauynge to all and euerye person and personnes bodyes polityke and corporate, their heires and Successours, other then suche as shall forseytte by thys Estatute their Interest, in the same Landes tenementes, or hereditamentes, in possession Reuertion or remainder all suche interest, and tytle, as they or any of them shall haue at þ tyme of the same forseytures.

And also it is prouyded by auctoritie aforesayde that the same Lawes, ordynaunces, and decrees, to be made & ordeined, by the said Commyssioners, or Sixe of them by auctoritie of the sayde Commyssion, shall bynde aswell the Landes, tenementes and hereditamentes, of the Queene our Soueraygne Ladye her heires, and Successours as all and euery other persone and persones, and their heires for suche their interest as they shall fortune to haue or maye haue in any landes, tenementes, or hereditamentes, or other casual proffete, aduauntage, or commoditie whatsoeuer they be wherevnto the sayde Lawes, ordynaunces and decrees shall in any wyse extende accordynge to the true purpote, meanyng and intente of the same lawes.

And it is furthermore by thauctoritie aforesayde, establisshed & enacted, that yf any maner person or persones, of what estate or degree soeuer he or they be, that from henceforth doth take vpon hym or the, to fytt by vertue of anye the sayde Commyssions, not beyng before swoyne, in forme as is aforesayd and accordynge to the tenor of þ othe afoze specified. Or yf any person so named and swoyne, doo fytt as is aforesayd, dwellyng within the sayde twentye myles, or not hauynge Landes, and Tenementes, or other hereditamentes, in fee symple, fee tayle, or for terme of lyfe to the cleare yearely vallew of fortyt pouds, aboue all charges, to his owne vble excepte he be learned in the lawes of thys Realme, that is to saye, admitted in one of the foure pryncypall Junes of Court, for an vtter barrestex, and not dwellyng within the sayde .xx. myles, shall forseyte fortyt poudes for euery tyme that he shall attempte so to do, the one halfe thereof to be to our soneraigne Lorde and Lady, the kyng and the queene her heyres and Successours the other halfe thereof to thuse of him or them that wyl sue therfore by action of debte byll playnte or information in any of the Quenes court

tres in whiche action or suite no wager of lawne shalbe admytted nor any essoyne or protection shalbe allowed. And if any action of trespass or other suite shall happen to be attempted against any person or persons for taking of any distress or any other acte doying by authoritie of the sayde Commynsion or by authoritie of any lawes or ordinaunces made by vertue of the sayde commission the defendaunte or defendantes in any such action shall and lawe maye recovere, conssumace or satisfaction for the taking of the same distress or other acte doing to or chynge any mysse or any of them alleging in freche honour, conscience or iustification that the sayde distress, trewasse or other acte, wherof the plainte complained was done by authoritie of the Commynsion or for the furtherpyge of the commynsion of Northumberland, Cumberland, Westmerland, and the Bysshope of Northham made and provided, or for such acte or cause as the sayde defendaunt dyd by authoritie of the sayde Commynsion and according to the tenor purport, and effecte of this present acte made the Secoude and thyrde yeares of the reygne of our soveraigne Lord and lady Henry the eighth and Quene Mary, without any excusacion or rehearsal of any other matter or circumstance contayned in this present acte, or any Commynsion lawes estatutes or ordinaunces thereupon to be made, whereupon the plaintife shalbe admytted to replye that the defendaunt dyd take the sayde distress or doo any other acte or trewasse supposed in his declaration of his owne wronge without anye suche cause alleged by the sayde defendaunt whereupon the issue in every such action shalbe ioyned to be tryed by verdyct of twelve men and not other wyse as is accustomed in other personall actions, and upon the tryall of that Issue the hole matter to be gyven on both parties in evidence according to the very truth of the same. And after such Issue tryed for the defendaunt or nonsuite of the playntife after apperaunce the same defendaunt to reconce treble damages by reason of his wrongefull veracion in that behalfe with his costes also in that parte susteyned, and that to be assessed by the same Iurye or wyrtte to enquyre of damages, as the cause shall requyre.

And it is also enacted that everie of the sayde Commynsioners shall have and perceyve foure shyllinges for every daye that they shall take payne in the execution of this Commynsion, and one Clarke by them to be assigned two shyllinges for every daye of the rates, rates, lottes and Summes of moneye that shalbe assessed, or losse by authoritie of the sayde Commynsion, and to be leuied, and payde by therr discretions. And that the sayd commynsioners, or Sire of them that have power and authoritie to lymyte, and assigne such reasonable Summes of moneye to the sayd Clarke for wyrtynge of booke, and proceffes concerning the premys, and to the Collectoures, expenditors, and such other

other as shall take p[re]sent in the due execution of the sayde commissi-
on, the same to be leaue[d] by dyrecte or by other wyse oute of the landes,
so surp[er]sed as by the p[re]visions of the sayde commissi[n]ers, or Sixe
of them, wherof A. B. C. to be thre, shalbe thoughte reasonable.

Item p[ro]vided alwaye that whensoeuer and as often as such com-
missi[n] as is afore saynted, shalbe made and dyrected, to any per-
son or persones for the reformation and amendement of or in anye of
the p[re]misses, specified in the sayd commissi[n] within the fees, lyber-
ties or possession of the Duchy of Lancaster, that then such Commissi-
oners, as shalbe execute anye such commissi[n], shalbe alwayes named
and appointed as is afore sayde. And that in euery such case, two co-
missi[n] shalbe awarded and made accordyng to the tenour of the
Commissi[n] aboue exp[re]ssed, one thereof vnder the greate Seale of
Englande, and the other vnder the Seale of the same Duchy as be-
fore tyme hath bene accustomed. Anye thing afore rehearsed in thys
p[re]sente acte, to the contrary thereof not withstanding.

And it is further enacted, that the sayd commissi[n] from tyme to
tyme, as the case shall requyre shalbe had and obteyned without anye
monye, or other charge, to be payde for the Seales or wytyng of the
same.

And it is further enacted, that euery Commissi[n] to be made by
auctoritie of thys acte shall endure and continue for the tyme of se-
uen yeares next after the tyme of the Commissi[n]. Nevertheless after
any Commissi[n] made and deliuered wher of the Courte of Chauncery,
the King and Quene byghenets and theires and successours
of the Quene, shall alwayes at their p[re]sences by wytte of ^{superfedeas}
out of the sayde Courte of Chauncery, at anye tyme dyscharge af-
well euery such commissi[n] as euery commissi[n]er that shalbe made
or named, by auctoritie of this, acte after wytych dyscharge the sayde
Commissi[n]ers, so dyscharged, shall haue no power nor auctoritie,
to procede in the execution of their commissi[n], nor in anye thing by auc-
toritie of thys acte.

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commissi[n] as is afore saynted, shalbe made and directed to any per-
son or persones, for the reformation and amendement, of or in anye of
p[re]misses, specified in the sayd Commissi[n], within the fees, lyber-
ties and possessions of the Bishopprike of Durham, or within the fees, ly-
berties and possessions of any other place, where there is libertie, and
iurisdiction of Countie Palentyne, that in euery such case two com-
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lande, and the other vnder the Seale of the Countye Palentyne in
maner and fourme as is afore p[ro]vided, for the Duchy of Lan-
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caster, any thing afoze rehearsed in thys present acte to the contrarye not withstandinge.

And neuerthelesse be it enacted, that yf the offycers of the sayde Duchye, or of the sayd Bischoppiche, or countie palentine, do not deliuer the commission by them or one of them to be made wythin fyre dayes after the request shall be made for the same, that then the commission vnder the greate seale onely shall procede in the sayde countie palentine, without anye other commission.

And it is provided and also enacted, that the royall assent limited to be had vnto the lawes and ordinaunces to be made by the said commissioners, as is abouesayde, shalbe certified into the sayde court of Chauncery vnder the priuie seale, and that there shal not any summe of money be payde for the same priuie seale.

Provided alwayes, that the Chauncelours and suche other as shall haue the custodie of the scales of the sayde Bischoppiche of Durham, or within the fees, liberties, and possessions of anye other place, where there is libertye and iurisdiction, of the countie palentine vpon reasonable request, and vpon the sighte of the commission, vnder the great Seale of Englande, shall withoute delaye make oute an other commission vnder the seale of the sayde countie palentine accordyng to the tenor of the commission to them shewed, vnder the great seale, and to those commissioners named in the same commission and to none other, nor in other maner.

And be it further enacted and established by thautooritye aforesayd, that all charges and summes of money hereafter to be rated and taxed by vertue of such commission vpon any of the landes, tenementes or hereditamentes of our soueraygne Ladye the queene, her heyres or successours, for anye maner of thinge or thynges concernyng the articles of this commission, shalbe gathered and leuied by distresse, or other wyse in lyke maner and forme, as shall or maye be done in þ landes, tenementes, and hereditamentes, of any other person or persons, and that all bylles of acquitaunce, signed with the hand or handes of such Collectour or recepuour, as shall haue the collection thereof, by the appoyntment, of the sayd Commissioners, or fyre of thē, shalbe as well a sufficient discharge, to the tenautes, fermors, and occupiers of the same groundes so to be charged for the sayde summe wherwyth theyr groundes shalbe so charged, as also a sufficient warrant to al & euery þ receiuors, auditors, & other what soeuer officer or officers, of our said soueraigne lord & lady the king & the quene, her heires & successours for the allowaunce to such tenant, fermor, or occupier of the same. ¶ Provided also & be it enacted, þ the said commissioners shall not let nor let any part or percel of þ premisses, nor shal not medle w the rating, rēting or valuing of any part or percel of þ premisses, but þ same shal remaine & be at the dispositiō of the lordes & owners of the same, as thei wer before the

the making of this acte, excepte it be for the causes of forfeiture aboue specified, any thyng hertofore mencioned to þ contrary not withstanding

PROVIDED alwayes, and be it enacted by thauthoritie aforesaid, that all issues and forfeiture, fines, and amerciamentes, whych shall ryse, happen, and grow, by any occasion what soever by vertue or colour of thys acte or anye commission to be made by auctoritie of the same, aswel within the liberties and countyes palentyne as without whither they shall seme to be due to the kyng and quenes maiestyes her heires and successors or to any other person or persons, or bodyes polityke or corporate, shalbe leuyed, imployed and conuerted, in and aboute the charges and expences concernynge the execution of thys act, in such sort, maner, and forme, as by the sayd commissioners or sixe of them, whereof thre to be of the *Quorum*, shalbe ordered, adiudged, or decreed. Any thyng in this acte, or in any commission aforesayd to the contrary not withstandinge.

PROVIDED alwayes that this estatute shall only continue for ten yerres next after the ende of the Session of thys parliament. And further to the ende of the next parliament then next folowynge.

¶ An act for the reedefinyng of decayed houses of husbandry, and for the encrease of tyllage.

¶ The seconde Chapter.



Here as by an estatute made in the fourth yere of the reygne of kyng Henry the seuenth, it was ordeyned, enacted, and establisshed, that no person of what estate, degre, or conditiō that he were, that then had any house, or houses, that within anye tyme within thre yerres then passed, had bene or that then were or after shoulde be letten to ferme with twenty acres of lande at least or more lying in tyllage and husbandrye, that the owner or owners of euerye such house or houses and lande shoulde be bounde to kepe, susteyne, and maynteyne houses and buyldynges vpon the sayd grounde and lande, conuenient and necessary for the maynteynyng and vpholding of the sayd tyllage and husbandry. And yf any such owner or owners of any such house or houses, and land, dyd take, kepe, and occupy any such house, or houses, and lande, in hys or theyr owne handes, that the sayd owner or owners by the same auctoritie, shoulde be bound in lyke wyse to kepe and mayntayne houses and buyldyngs vpon the sayd groundes and land conuenient and necessary for the mayntaynyng and vpholdyng of the sayd tyllage and husbandrye. And yf any man dyd contrary to the premisles or any of them, that then

then it should be laweful to the kynge (yf anye fuche landes or houfes were holden of hym immediatly) or to the lordes of the fees, yf any fuch landes were holden of them, immediatly to receyue yerely halfe the value of thiffues and profyttes of anye fuche landes, whereof the houle or houfes were not fo maynteyned or fufteyned, and the same halfendele of thiffues and profyttes to haue holde and kepe, to hys or their owne vfe, wythout any thyng therfore to be payed or geuen to fuch tyme as the same houle or houfes fhoude be fufficiently buylded or repayred agayne. And that no maner of fre holde fhoude be in the kynge ne in anye fuche lord or lordes by the takyng of any fuche profyttes of or in any fuche landes in no maner of fourme but onelye the kynge and the fayde lord or lordes, fhoude haue power to take receyue and haue the fayde iffues and profyttes as is abouefayde, and therfore the kyng or the fayd lord or lordes to haue power to diftreine for the same iffues and profyttes to be had and perceyued by them in fourme aforefayde by the aucthoritie of the fayde act. As by the fayde act moze at large it doth and may apeare.

For as muche as the fayd acte is good and profytable to the common wealth, it is therfore ordeyned that the fayd act & euery branche therein fhall be from henceforth put in due execution, and remayne and continue in force for euermoze.

And whereas the prouifion in the fayd act doeth onelye extende to houle or houfes, hauryng twenty acres of land at leaft, or moze lying in tyllage and husbandrye, bypon the interpretation of whyche wordes fome doubt hath ryfen. Be it enacted by thauthorty of this prefent Parliament, that the fayde estatute and the penaltie and purueyance of the same, fhall from henceforth extende to houfes to be decayed that haue or hereafter fhall haue twenty acres of grounde or moze to them lying or belongyng, whether the same or any part thereof be hath bene or fhall be vfed or put in tyllage or not, the fayd twenty acres to be accompted and meafured, after the quantite, rate and meafure of the Statute or ordynance, called the Statute treatye or ordynance *de terris mefurandis*, and not othertwyle, anye vlage or custome or other thyng what foeuer to the contrary thereof not withftandynge.

And for a further prouifion for reedefying of houfes decayed and reftoryng of pasture grounde to tyllage and for encrease of cozne. Be it ordeyned and enacted by thauthorty of thys prefent parliament that the kyng and Quenes byghnes and theyres & fucceffours of the Quenes Maieftie, fhall and maye at all tymes hereafter as often as to theym fhall feeme needefull, and conuenient, awarde

theyr hyghnes Commyssyon or Commyssyons vnder the greate Seale of Englande to be directed to suche personnes as to them shall seme mete, hable and conueniēt, wherof thre at the least shalbe of the *Quorum*, aucthorysyng them therby, or foure of the at the least, wherof two to be of the *Quorum*, to execute and see executed thys presente acte accordynge to the true entent, effecte, and meanynge of the same, the whych commyssyoners or foure of them at the least, wherof two to be of the *Quorum*, by vertue of the sayde Commyssyon, and of thys present act, shall haue ful power and aucthority to enqyre, heare, and determine by the othes of twelue men, or by information or other lawfull wayes and meanes, vled in other cases, in any of the kyng & queenes hyghnes ordenary courtes of recorde, all and synghuler defaultes and offences, committed or done, since the feast of Saint George, the martyr, in the .xx. yere of the raygne of the late kyng of famous memoire kyng Henry the eyght, or hereafter to be committed or done, aswel contrary to the tenor and effecte of the sayde former acte, as contrarie to one other act made in the parlyament holden in the seuenth yere of the raygne of the sayd late kyng Henry the eyght, intyuled, an act to auoyde lettynge downe of towne. And also to enqyre, here, order, & determine by the sayd wayes and meanes, all groundes whatsoeuer conuerted, from tyllage to pasture, synce the sayde feast of S. George the martyr, in the sayde twenty yere of the sayd raygne of the sayde kyng Henry the eyght, or hereafter to be conuerted from tyllage to pasture, and also of all grounde in or nere any corne field newly vled or imployed sythence the sayd feast, or hereafter newly to be vled imployed or conuerted to the keepynge of Connyes, not beyng lawefull warren, and wherby any corne of any person or persons, other then the owner of the same Connyes, sythence the sayde feast, hath bene or hereafter shalbe decayed, destroyed or consumed, and the said commissyoners, or foure of them wherof two to be of the *Quorum* shall and maye take order and direction, for the reformation of such offences, decayes and defaultes in maner and fourme folowynge that is to saye they or foure of them at the least, wherof two to be of the *Quorum* shall & maye bynde by recognisaunce, in good summes of mony, to be knowledged to the vse and behoofe of oure Soueraigne lord the kyng and oure Soueraigne Ladye the Queene, her Heyres and Successours, whyche recognisaunce by thys Acte, they shall be enabled to take the personne or personnes, fyrste offendynge and gyltye, in any of the foresayde decayes or defaultes, and then beyng or contynuyng owner in fee Symple, fee Tayle, for terme of lyfe, for terme of yeaeres, or by Coppye of Courte Rolle, in possession or in reuerfion, or remaynder

remaynder after any estate or estates, for terme of yeres or for terme of lyfe of such decayed house or houses, and ground therunto lyinge or of ten acres percell thereof, or of such grounde conuerted from tyllage to pasture, or of such ground which is or shalbe vnto or imployed to the keepyng of connyes as is aforesayd or any of the in such summes of money as to such commissyoners shal seme reasonable for the reedifying of such decayed houses, and for the conuerting of such ground so conuerted from tyllage to pasture into tyllage agayne, and for the diminishing and destroying of connyes, wythin such conuenient time and in such maner & fourme, as to the same commissyoners or foure of them whereof two to be of the *Quorum*, shal seme mete and conuenient and by theyr discretions shalbe set lymitted and appoynted. And yf the offender or offenders do dwell in anye other Shyre, or can not be gotten to be bounden by recognisaunce before the sayd Commissyoners as is aforesayde. That then the sayd Commissyoners or foure of them whereof two to be of the *Quorum* shall take such other order for the reedifying of the houses and conuerting the groundes to tyllage and destroying of connyes, accor dyng to thys estatute as shalbe thoughte mete by theyr discretions, and shal cause the same theyr order to be entered of recorde wythin one moneth after their sayd order made, & shal wythin the same moneth delyner or cause to be deliuered, the coppy of theyr sayd order signed and sealed by them or foure of them to the tenant fermor or seruaunt, keepyng resydyng or inhabiting the ground or place for the whiche the order shalbe made, to the intente the same maye be delyuered ouer or declared to the sayde owner or owners, that shall or oughte to be charged, by or wyth the same. And yf the place, in whiche anye suche decayed house or houses, hath bene or shalbe scituate, shalbe founde in the handes of any person or persones, other then such person or persons as fyrst dyd suffer or make the sayde decaye, then the sayde Commissyoners or foure of them whereof two to be of the *Quorum*, shall and maye order and enioyne al and euery person and persons hauyng the immediate and present enherytaunce in the sayd groundes and places wherein any of the aforesaid decayes shalbe founde as is aforesayd, to reedefye and buyld agayne the same decayd house eyther in the sayd place where it was decayed or nere vnto the same, wythin the same towne, paryshe, or hamlet, wythin such time & in such sort as to the sayde Commissyoners or foure of them whereof two to be of the *Quorum*, shal seme reasonable and conuenient. And shal further assesse and taxe all and euery person and persones, hauyng any pertyculer estate in the sayde groundes, belongyng to anye suche house decayed, for terme of lyfe, yeares, or by Coppye of Courte Rolle, to be Contributorye towardes the sayde Reedefycatyon, and

buydyng in such Summe or Summes of moneye to be payde to the foresayde person hauyng the immediat and present inheritance, and being ordeid and enioyned to reedifye the same, as to the sayde Commissioners, or foure of them whereof two to be of the *Quorum*, shal seme mete and reasonable, hauyng respecte and regarde to the seuerall estate, and termes of all and euery the sayde perticuler remauntes and to the commodities, proffyttes, and emolumentes, thereto seuerallye and respectuely, belongyng, and also hauyng respecte to suche covenantes, grauntes, agreementes and conditions as be, or shalbe conteyned in any lawefull wytyng made concernyng the estate of anye of the persones to be charged for the sayd reedification, or for the contribution of any thyng towarde the same freholde, estate remainder or reuертion as is aforesayde accordyng to their seuerall interest, estates, commodities and proffyttes.

And be it enacted by the auctoritie aforesayde that all and euery persone and persones bodyes polytyke and corporate, that shall haue anye estate or interest, in anye of the sayde houses, places or groundes, wherein any of the aforesayde decayes shalbe committed & founde, or presented as is beforesayde from or by any person or persones so ordeid and enioyned as is aforesayd, shalbe charged and chargeable, accordyng to his or their estate, or estates, commodities and proffyttes, in the same, in lyke sort and manner as he or they from whome or by whome the same estate or estates, shalbe by anye meanes derpyed, or conueyed, should or ought to haue ben by force of the sayde commandement and iniunction. And also that the person or persones that shalbe appoynted or charged by the said orders and iniunctions, or by this estatute, to reedifye any of the decayed houses beforesayde and to haue any contribution, rate or Summe of moneye, or other thyng of anye others, towarde the same, shal and maye by vertue hereof haue one action of dette for the same agaynst the party or parties, appoynted to paye the same, and agaynst their heires exectours or assignes in any of the kyng and Quenes Maiestyes, ordynarye Courtes of record, or shal sue for the same by information befo:e the sayde Commissioners or foure of them, wherof two be of the *Quorum*. In whych suite no iniunction wager of lawe protection nor essoygne shalbe allowed, for the defendaunt. And yf any partie or parties that should or oughte to paye or geue any Summe of moneye, or other thyng in contribution as is aforesayde, shall vpon a reasonable request thereof to be made wylfullye refuse or delaye to paye or geue the same: That then the plaintyfe vpon his sute to haue and recouer treble dammages agaynst the sayde defendaunt.

And further be it enacted that yf the sayde grounde or groundes so conuerted from tyllage to pasture, or bled or employed to the keeping of

of conneies, to the destruction of coine as is abouesayde, shalbe found in the handes or possession of anye person or persons, other then suche as dyd conuerthe the sayde groundes from tyllage to pasture, or vse or employe the sayde groundes wiche conneies as is aforesayde, that then the sayde Commissioners or foure of them whereof two to be of the *Quorum*, shall and maye order and enioyne the occupiers of the sayde grounde or groundes so conuerted from tyllage to pasture, or soo vsed or employed to the keepynge of conneies as is aforesayde to tounne the same agayne into tyllage, or to destroye or dimynishe the sayde conneies kepte vpon the same grounde wythin such tyme and vpon suche paynes as by them shalbe limited and appoynted.

And be it further enacted by thauthozitie aforesayde, that euery such order and iniunction aboue mencioned, shalbe entred of recorde and the coppe thereof wytten in parchemente & signed & Sealed by the sayde Commissioners or foure of them whereof two to be of the *Quorum*, and deliuered to the occupier or occupiers of the grounde or place wherein anye of the aforesayd offences, decayes or defaultes, shalbe founde as is aforesayde, to thynente the same maye be deliuered ouer or declared to all suche other person as shall or oughte to be bounden or charged by the same.

And further be it enacted by thauthozitie aforesayde, that the sayd Commissioners or foure of them whereof two to be of the *Quorum*, shall and maye haue power and auctoritie by force of the sayde Commission and of thys acte, to comynitte euerye persone refusynge to be bounde by recognisaunce as is aforesayde, and euerye the sayd pertyler tenantes refusynge to declare to the sayd commissioners or foure of them, whereof two to be of the *Quorum*, howe longe or what hys sayd pertyculer estate is to pylon into the next Gaole in the sayde countye there to remayne without bayle or maynepyce vntyll he shall be bound in recognisaunce as is aforesayde or shewe or declare his or their pertyculer estate, or estates in the premysles to the sayde commissioners or foure of them whereof two to be of the *Quorum*, as is aforesayde.

And be it further enacted by thauthozitie aforesayde, that the Sheriffes and all other ministers, within the countyes where suche Sessions shalbe appoynted, shalbe attendaunte vpon the said commissioners and shall retourne before them al such proces and preceptes as they shall haue in commaundement to do, and be obedient vnto them as they are bounde to be to the Iustices of peace or of Oyer, and determiner at all tymes and places for the execution of the sayde Commission and of thys Acte. And the same Commissioners or foure of them whereof two to be of the *Quorum*, shall haue power & auctoritie to enquerre heare and determine as is beforesaid, of, for & vpo al forfeitures recognisaunces, and breaches of orders, and Iniunctions that shalbe

taken, knowledged or made before the sayd commissioners, or foure of them, and to aslesse such fines and amerciamentes as to the shal seme meete and conueniente, vpon the Sheryffe and other officers and personnes, whatsoeuer makynge defaulte, and for contemptes and other misdemeanours before them. And shall haue auctoritie to reforme all impanalles to be retourned before them as the Iustices of peace maye doo.

And further be it enacted by the auctoritie aforesayde, that euery of the Commissioners shall haue for euery daye he shall lytte to execute this commission ten shyllinges, and to the Clerke that shal serue and wyte all proces and other recordes before the sayde Commissioners, for euery daye he shall attende vpon the sayde Commissioners, thre shillinges and foure pence, the same to be payed by the Sheryffe or clerke of the courte of the fines, forfeitures and amerciamentes, that shall aryse or be lesled for anye matter or defaulte before the sayde Commissioners, and the Sheriffe, to be allowed vpon hys accompte for the same. So that the same be noted and specified in the estreate, signed by the sayde commissioners or foure of them, whereof two to be of the *Quorum*.

Provyded alwayes and be it enacted by the auctoritie aforesayde, that the said Commissioners or anye of them by vertue of this acte shall not haue power or auctoritie to do anye thing touching the offences or defaultes aforesayde contrarie to the ordynaunce or puruepaunce of any estatute, heretofore made or to the exclusion or taking away of any benefite or libertie permitted or saued to any maner of person by any prouision in any of the said statutes or contrary to the effect of any licence heretofore graunted by the Kyng and Quenes highnes, or the Quenes highnes or any of the auncestours or predecessours of the Quenes highnes, so that the same licence be shewed to them, or foure of them, vnder seale before conuiction of the offence or default aforesayde. Any thyng aforesayd to the contrarie thereof in any wise notwithstanding.

And forasmuch as it is lyke to be that some houses hauyng twayne acres of grounde or more, to them lying or belongyng, be decayed without any wyllynge defaulte in them that had the inheritaunce or possession therof, as by fyre, breaches, and surrounding of waters, or by destruction of enemyes, or rebelles, or of suche as hadde pertyculer estates therein without impechement of waste, or by suche other lyke meanes or wayes, and that they who by the ordynaunce aforesayde, shoulde reedifye the same, are of such pouertye that they can not by all entendement reedifye or buyde by all the same houses agayne.

And forasmuch also as some perchaunce haue erect & buyded by new houses in some other places vpon the same landes lying to the saide houses

houses, or vpon some other lande nere therevnto in lewe and place of the houses decayed, whiche are as auayleable to the common wealth as the newe reedifying of the decayed houses in the olde places should be, in whych cases equitie requyrezeth, they shoulde not be punyshed for the sayde decaye.

And forasmuch as it is lyke to be that some grounde conuerted from tyllage into pasture is deuided into diuerse smale percelles remainyng and beyng in diuers and seuerall mens handes, so that any one parte wyl not be sufficient to kepe a plowe vpo. And for that some groundes haue been tyllid for dystroyng of mosse bushes, brome, fyres heath, and not onely to be continued in tyllage and suche lyke. And that also some demeanes in the absence of the owners haue bene deuided to sundry occupiers who hathe tilled the same, not beinge commonly vsed to tyllage before the sayd feast of S. George, & for that diuers other perticuler cases maye fortune to be, whiche the generall purueyance of this estatute can not remedye withoute greater hurte then good to be done by the same. And for that also that in some places of this realme it is not necessarye the purueien of this estatute to extend and to be fully executed, but in some places and vpon some occasions or causes, it maye more conueniently be spared then put in vze, & is therefore necessary to referre such thynges wyth all other circumstances, to the discretions of the commissioners who maye more perfectly vnderstand the same.

Be it therefore ordeyned and enacted by auctoritie of this present parliament that the sayde commissioners or foure of them at the leaste, whereof two to be of the *Quorum* shall and maye consider the sayde cases and such other lyke, and vse their discretions in temporng and qualesying of the sayd generall purueyance of this or anye of the foresayd former estatutes, & in orderng the sayd cases and suche other lyke, and to omit the executyon and penaltie of this acte, and of the othere former actes accordynglye, as to the wysdomes and discretions of them or foure of them at the leaste, whereof two to be of the *Quorum*, shalbe thought moste necessarye. This acte or the aforesayde former actes in anye wyse not wythstandyng. And shall haue power and auctoritie to cancell Recognysaunces taken before them, and not appearng to them forfeited, yf it shall seme to them or foure of them, whereof two to be of the *Quorum*, meete and conuenient.

And it is further ordered and enacted by auctoritie of this present parliament, that where as anye grounde by meanes of this acte shall fortune hereafter to be conuerted from pasture into tyllage accordyng to thintent of this acte, which grounde is chargeable with anye

rent reserved since the tyme the same ground was converted from tillage to pasture, and which was reserved and made the greater, in consideration that the same was so converted from tillage into pasture or sowed with cornes, that al such rentes yf they be greater then the ground turned into tillage, or the ground by reason of the destruction of cornes is worthe, shall be abated and apportioned by the sayde Commissioners or foure of them, wherof two to be of the *Quorum*, accordyng to thei dyscretions, yf they shall thynke the same so mete.

Provided alwayes, and be it enacted by thauthortie aforesayde that the retaynyng or none paymente of anye such parte or portyon of any rentes that shalbe abated or deducted by the Commissioners as is aforesayde, shalbe no breach or forfeiture of any bonde penaltie covenant, graunte, or condition to be conteyned in anye Indenture, bonde, obligatorie, or other wytyng, agreement, or promyse what so ever to the contrary notwithstanding.

And further be it enacted by thauthortie aforesayde that the sayde Commissioners or foure of them, wherof two to be of the *Quorum*, shall have power and auctoritie by vertue hereof, to make and direct forth preceptes and proseses, aswell to the Sheriffe of the countie, as to all other freholdes and persones that oughte to attende or appeare before the sayd Commissioners for the tryall answeringe or prouinge of any offence agaynst this estatute or agaynst anye of the aforesayde former estatutes, to appeare before them at any day and tyme that the sayde Commissioners or foure of them wherof two to be of the *Quorum*, shall lymytte or appoynte, and upon the apperance of the said persōs to give daye over from tyme to tyme, as they shall thynke mete.

And be it enacted by thauthortie aforesaid, that yf any such person or persons as presently have, or hereafter shal have any houses builded, or reedified, or to be reedified, or anye groundes to be converted to tillage, accordyng to the tenoure and effecte of thys estatute, or of anye of the aforesayde estatutes, that then the sayde personne or personnes, thei heires or assignes shall within thre yeares next after the ende of thys Session of this Parliament, demise or lette to ferme the houses alreadye builded or reedified with the twenty acres of ground, whych before tyme dyd appertayne and lye to the same, or tenne acres percell thereof, yf there be now no more of the same landes in thei handes that hath the houses builded or reedified, or oughte to reedifie the same, or wyth soo muche other landes lyinge convenient for the sayde house, and shall demise and lette to ferme the houses hereafter to be reedified wythin two yeares after the same, shalbe soo reedified wyth the twenty acres of landes, or the tenne acres

acres percel thereof or the lyke number of acres as is beforesayd. And yf any of the sayde houses, and landes, shall not be so dimised or letten to ferme as is aforesayd, That then the sayd Commissioners or foure of them at the leaste, whercof two to be of the *Quorum*, shall haue power and auctoritie, by vertue of thys acte, to dymyse and lette the sayd house and landes to any person or persones, hauyng no other ferme or tenementes, within the same paryshe, nor hauyng any accion, or luyte at that parlamente agaynste the owner, and requyrynge the same for vii. yeares, at the most for such reasonable rent and vpon such reasonable couenanntes, as the sayde Commissioners, shall thynke meete for both parties. So that they take good assuraunce for the paymente of the rentes and persourmyng of couenauntes, to the owner of the same as they shal thynke conuenient, vpon whyche lease the owners of the house and landes, so letten, their executours and assynges & euery of them, for the tyme beyng, and also euery such lease, their executours, and assynges, and euery of them, shall haue suche remedye and Actions thone agaynste thother, as they should or myghte haue had yf they them selues, had onely ben pseye and parties, to the sayde leases.

And be it enacted by thauthoritie aforesayde, that yf any person or persons, shalbe condempned or charged with or for any offence that he or they ought not to be charged with all, by this acte or by any of the aforesayd former estatutes That then the said partie and parties shal and may haue his or their traueys, and remedye therfore in the Sterre Chamber, before the Councell there.

And be it enacted by the auctoritie aforesayde, that this Statute shall at the pleasures of the kyng and Quenes Maiesties her heires and Successours, be put in execution, eyther by Commissioners to be appoynted accordyng to the tenure of thys acte, or elles by the Commissioners to be appoynted by theyr maiesties for the execution of certayne statutes thercof made in this Session of thys presente parlamente.

Provyded alwayes and be it enacted by thauthoritie aforesayd that thys acte, nor any thyng therein conteyned shall extende to anye house, or buyldyng made or to be made by any tenauntes in dowere or other perticuler tenaunte without thassent of him or them in reuercion or remainynder of estate of enheritaunce, onles the same house or buyldyng be or shalbe made and erected accordyng to thynntente and purueye of this estatute. Any thyng in this estatute to the contrarye notwithstanding.

And be it further enacted by thauthoritie aforesayd, that yf any person or persones, shalbe conuicted or condempned of or for any offence or forfeyture, of any recognisaunce, or other matier conteyned & specified

specified in thys act, vpon any information at the suite of anye party or partyes, that then thone moite of all such forfeitures, & Summes of money as shalbe due for thoffence or forfeiture contained in the information shalbe to the party or partyes, that shal exhibite and prosecute the same. Any thyng in thys act or in any of the aforesayde actes to the contrary not wythstandynge.

And be it enacted by the aucthoritye aforesayd that the sayd commissyoners or foure of them at the least, wherof two of them to be of the *Quorum* shail inroll or cause to be inrolled, of Recorde all such orders prouisions paynes penaltyes forfeitures fynes amerciamentes condempnations and conuictions, as shalbe had, made, set, taxed, losse or forfeited by reason or occasion of anye matter or thyng conteyned in thys acte or in anye of the aforesayde former actes, and the same Records to be well obserued and kepte, in such sort and order as the said Commissyoners or foure of them, wherof two of them to be of the *Quorum* shal thynke mete and conuenient.

And be it further enacted by thaucthoritye aforesayd that the said Commissyoners or foure of them at the lease, shal by vertue hereof haue aucthority to make or cause to be made proces for the leuynge of all suche amerciamentes fynes Summes of money, and forfeitures, that shalbe due to be payde by reason of anye presentment iudgement, recognisance or der iniunction assessement defaulte or other matter, what soeuer had, made, geuen or done, accordyng to the purport and intent of thys estatute, as Justices of yeaue maye do for anye fines or forfeitures before them. And the sayd Commissyoners or foure of the wherof two to be of the *Quorum*, shal yeaue at the feaste of Sayncte Myghel tharchangel make or cause to be made estretes, indented of all suche forfeitures penaltyes fynes amerciamentes, and Summes of money as shalbe due in the yeaue next before the sayde feaste vpon the forfeiture of any recognisance or for any of the causes or offences abouesayde, the same estretes to be subscribed and sealed by the sayde Commissyoners or foure of them wherof two to be of the *Quorum* thone part therof to be sent into the Courte of Exchequer, at Westminster, within .xl. dayes after Myghelmas. And thother part therof to be deliuered to the Sheriffe of the Shire, whiche shalbe a sufficient warraunte to hym and hys deputye, to leue the same in suche sorte as he ought or may leue the Summes conteyned in the stretes, to the Sheryffes, directed forth of the Court of Exchequer, and the Sheryffe to discharge ther wyth hys accompte.

And be it enacted by thaucthoritye aforesayd, that yf anye offender, shal once be condempned, and pay hys fine or forfeiture, for anye of the offences aforesayd in any Courte before any Justices or Commissioner, hauyng aucthority for that purpose, that then the said offender

doire or offendours, shal not est sones be charged agayne for that offence beyng passed, but shal and maye pleade hys former payment, in barre therof.

And be it further enacted by thauctozity aforesayd, that the clerke or clerkes, that shall wyte the matters and recordes before the sayde comynssyoners, shal take for the entyre of pleas & other hys doynges such fees and none other as shalbe appoynted by the sayd comynssyoners, or foure of them wherof two to be of the *Quorum*, and wyrtten in a table that shalbe fixed openlye in the place where the Sessions shalbe kept vpon payne that the sayde clerke so offendyng shal lose & forseyte to the partye geued, treble the value of that whyche was so take and he or they that shall embesell any recognisance or record shal for euery such offence lose and forseyte. v. li. and be committed to prisoun vntyl he shal pay the sayd Summe of. v. li. and also make suche other recompence and satisfaction, as the sayde commissioners, or foure of them wherof two to be of the *Quorum* shal thynke conuenient.

PROVIDED alwayes and be it enacted by thauctozitie aforesayd that thys act nor any thyng therein conteyned shal extend to charge any person or personnes that shal kepe any grounde in pasture for the keepyng of his or their owne horses, kyne, or other cattell, for thone lye victuall to be spent in hys or their house or houses.

And be it further enacted by thauctozity aforesayd, that thys acte nor any thyng therein conteyned shal in any wyse extende to reedifie any chiefe manor place nor any other houses or buyldynges, but suche as shalbe mete and conuenient for the fermours or tenautes, of anye other fermeholdes, or tenautes for the maintenaunce of the groudes that be or shalbe assigned or layd to be occupied with the sayde houses buylded and to be buylded according to the intent of thys estatute, by the discretion of the sayd comynssyoners or foure of the wherof two to be of the *Quorum*, nor shal extende to conuert to tyllage any grounde not excedyng fyue acres, whych is or shalbe vled and enclosed for any garden or charde hopparde rapeseede or for connyes, for thonely prouision of anye mans house and to be spent in the same, and not beyng hurtful to the corne of anye person or persones, other then the owners of the sayd connyes so that the sayde garden, or charde, hopparde or conny garth shall lye adioynyng or nigh within one myle to the dwelling house of the owner thereof, nor shal extende to conuerte anye grounde to tyllage, which is or shalbe left vntylled & not sown with corne by reason of the euylnes barenes or barrones of the same vntyll such tyme as the sayd grounde shalbe apt and mete for tyllage and to beare corne agayne, as by the sayde Commissioners or foure of them, wherof two to be of the *Quorum*, shalbe thought conuenient, thys estatute or any other estatute to the contrarye not wythstandyng.

And

And be it further enacted by thauthorytē aforesayd that yf any person or persons at any tyme after the Session of thys present parliament, shal conuert or turne to pasture any grounde now being earable and kept most commonly in tyllage for the space of twēty yeres last past before the Session of thys presente parliament, and shall not eare and breake by to tyllage as much other grounde now being pasture within the sayde lordshyp or parryshe where the sayd grounde so couerted doth lie, within one yere nexte after any such couercion, and shal not kepe the sayd newe eared ground continually in tillage after any such conuersion, onles that for barrenes thereof he or they shall conuerte the same to pasture vpon the lyke order of earynge so muche other ground being pasture wythin the sayde lordshyppe where such conuersion shalbe made, shal lose and forseyte for euery acre conuerted into pasture contrary to the fourme of thys act yerely. v. s. thone halfe therof to the kyng and queenes Maiestyes, & thother to hym or them that wyll sue for the same by byll playnt or information, in any courte of recorde, wherin no essoygne protection or wager of lawe, shalbe allowed for the defendaunt. Thys act to endure to the laste daye of the next parliament.

An Act for the keepynge of mylche kyne and for the byedynge and rearyng of Calues.

The.iii. Chapter.



Or as muche as of late yeaeres a great number of persons within thys realme haue layde their landes farmes, and pastures, to feedynge of shepe, oren, runttres, schrubbes, steres, & hekfers, and suche other lyke cattell hauing no regard or care to byde and reare by yonge beastes and cattel, whereby is growen great scarcitie of cattell and victuall necessarye for the sustenaunce of dyuers sortes of people wythin thys realme, and moze is lyke to be, yf spedye remedy be not prouyded.

It is therfore by thauthoritie of thys present parliament enacted that euery person, whych from the feast of the Purification of our ladye next ensuyng shal kepe or fede aboute the number of sixe score shere shepe for the most parte of the yeaere vpon hys or her seuerall pastures, landes feadynges or fermes, apt or meete for mylche kyne and where in no other person hath at the makynge of thys present acte, common for any cattel of any tyme of the yere, shall by aucthorytē of this acte, yerely so longe as he shall kepe or fede the sayde numiber of sixe score shere shepe, for euerye thre score shere shepe so kepte or fedde, kepe one mylche

mylch cowe, and shal brede and reare by yeaerlye for euery fyre skore
there shepe so kept as is aforesayde one Calfe vpon paine of forseynture
for euery moneth that anye suche person, shall not for euery thre skore
there shepe as is aforesayde, kepe or feede one mylche Cowe, twentye
shyllinges for euery Cowe so not kept. And for lacke of rearynge and
bredyng of one Calfe for euery fyre skore there shepe, to forseynt likewise
twenty shyllinges for euery calfe so not reared and fed, and that eue-
ry person which after the foresayd feast of the Purification of our la-
dy, vpon hys or her seuerall pastures as afoze is sayd, shal kepe or feede
about the numbre of twentye oxen, runntes, Scrubbes, Steres, he-
fares, or kyne, shal by thauctozitie of thys act, for euery tenne bestes
of the sayd sortes so kept or fedde, kepe and nouryshe one mylch cowe,
and brede reare and wayne yerely and kepe for one whole yeaer one
Calfe for euery two mylch kyne so charged to be kepte vpon the seue-
ral paynes and forseyntures afoze rehearsed, excepte the sayde Calfe, or
Calfes shall chaunce to dye wythin the sayd yeres, wythout couin or
fraude therto added, thone halfe of whych sayd forseyntures shalbe to
thuse of our sayde Soueraygne lord and ladye the kyng and Que-
nes Maiesties and the other halfe to thuse of the partye, that within
one yeaer after thoffence committed wyll sue for the same in any of the
kyng and quenes Maiesties Courtes of Recorde, or befoze the Just-
ices of peace, in the same Shyre, where anye suche cause of forseynture
shalbe had at the generall Sessions (who by aucthoritye of thys acte
shall haue power to heare and determine the sayde offences) by byll
information presentment, action of dette, or detinue, in whiche action
or sute no essoygne protection wayer of lawe or lycence to the con-
trary shalbe allowed.

PROVIDED alwayes, that thys acte nor any clause thereof shalbe
extended to bynde any person to kepe mylche kyne, ne yet to brede or
reare calves, as afoze is expessed for suche shepe or other bestes, as
the same person shall kepe and fede to the intent onely to be spent in
hys or their house or houses, wythout fraude or couin. Thys act to en-
dure onely vnto thende of seven yeaers next folowynge the feast of the
Purification of our lady aforesayde, and from thence to thende of the
parliament then next folowynge.

**An act for the extinguisment of the first frutes and touching
order and disposition of the tenthes of spiritual and ecclesiasticall
promotions, and of rectozies, and personages impropri-
ate, remaynyng in the quenes maiesties handes.**

The.iiii. Chapter.

C. i.

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Here at a parliament holden at Westminster the third day of November in the .xxi. yeare of the raygne of our late Soueraygne Lorde Kynge Henry the. viii. and vpon prorogatio there holden the third day of November, in the .xxvi. yeare of the sayde late kynge, for the mayntenaunce of his royall estate then beyng recognised the only supreme head in earth, next and immediatly vnder god, of the church of Englande. It was enacted by the

auctorite of the sayd parliament, that the sayde kynge his heires and successours kynges of thys realme, should haue and enioye from tyme to tyme to endure for euer, of euery such person & persons, which at any tyme after the first day of January, then next comming, shuld be nominated, elected, prefected, presented, collated, or by anye other meanes appoynted to haue any archbyschoppyshe, byschoppyshe, abbey, monasterie, priorye, colledge, hospytall, archedeaconrye, deanery, prouostshyppe, Prebend, Parsonage, Vicarege, Chaunterye, frechapell or other dignitie, Benefice, offyce, or promotion spirituall within this realme, or els wher within any of the kinges dominions of what name nature or qualitie soeuer they were, or to, or of whose foundation, patronage or gyft soeuer they belonged, the first fruytes, Renuues, and profyttes, for one yeare of euerye suche Archebyschoppyshe, Byschoppysch, Abbey, Monastery, Priorye, Colledge, Hospital, Archedeaconry, Deanery, prouostshyppe, Prebende, Parsonage, Vicarege, Chaunterye, frechappell or other dignitie, Benefice, office, or promotion spirituall afore named, where vnto anye such person or persones, should after the sayd first daye of Januarye be nominated elected prefected, presented, collated or by any other meanes appointed, & that euery such person and persones, before any actual or real possession or medlynge with the profyttes of anye such Archebyschoppysch, Byschoppysch, Abbey, Monastery, Priorye, Colledge, Hospital, Deanery, prouostshyppe, Prebende, Parsonage, Vicarege, Chaunterye, frechappell or other dignitie, benefice, offyce, or promotio spiritual shuld satisfie content and pay or compounde or agre to paye to the kynges vse at reasonable dayes vpon good suerties the sayd first fruytes and profyttes, for one yeare.

And where further in the sayd parliament it was enacted by auctorite afore sayd, that the sayd kynge his heires and successours, kynges of this realme, for more augmentation and mayntenaunce of the royall estate of thimperial Crowne and dignitie of supreme heade, should

should verely haue take retayne and enioye, vnited and knytte to hys
 mypypal crowne for euer one verely rent or pencion amountynge to
 the value of the tenth parte of all the reuenues, rentes, fermes, ty-
 thes, offpynges, emolumentes & of al other profyts, as well called spiri-
 tual as temporal then apertayning or belongyng, or that from thence
 forth should belong to any archbysshopperych, byshopperych, abbey,
 monasterye, pyporpe, archedeacourte, deanerpe, hospytall, colledge,
 house collegiate, prebende, cathedrall churche, collegiate churche,
 conuentuall churche, personage, vicarege, chaunterpe, strechappell, or
 other benefyce or promotial spiritual of what name nature or qualitie
 soeuer they were or be within any dyoces of thys realme, or in Wales
 the sayd pencion or annuall rent to be verely payd for euer to the sayd
 late kyng hys heires & successours kynges of thys realme, at the feast
 of the Natyuite of our Lorde God. And that the first payment ther-
 of should be begynne at the feast of the Natyuite of our lord god which
 then should be in the yeare of oure lord God a thousande, fyue hun-
 dredth thirte and fyue, and to be payde verely by such as should be ap-
 poynted, to haue the collection thereof by the same act in suche maner
 and fourme, as should after that tyme be hymtted by the sayd act be-
 fore the first day of Apryll, nexte folowynge after the sayde feast of the
 Natyuite of our lord, as in the sayde acte amongest other thynges,
 moze playnly appeareth.

The kyng and the quenes moste excellent Maiestyes for diuers
 bygent considerations them their honours and consciences specially
 mouynge, wyll that it be enacted, and therfore be it enacted by auctho-
 ritie of thys present parlyament, that all paymentes of the sayd fyrste
 frutes shal from hence forth cease and be clearely extinct and deter-
 mined for euer. And that aswell all and synguler archbysshopperiches,
 byshopperiches, & other benefices dignities and promotions spirituall
 aforesaid charged and chargeable to and with the paiment of the first
 frutes, as al and euery possessor, owner and incumbent of the same,
 and their successours shal from and after the. viii. daye of August last
 past, and so from thenceforth at all tymes for euer be clerely exonerate
 acquitted and discharged agaynst our sayd soueraygne lord and lady
 and agaynst the heires and successours of our sayd soueraygne ladye
 of and from the payment and paymentes of al and euery the sayd first
 frutes in as ample and large maner and fourme, as they were before
 the makynge of the sayd act. And as though the same act hadde neuer
 bene had ne made.

PROVIDED alwayes, and be it enacted by thiauctozitey aforesayd
 that thys act or any thyng therein contayned shal not in any wyse ex-
 tende to extinguishe or discharge anye recognizance or other bonde
 obligatorie, or any payne penaltie debt or forfeyture had made or due

to the Quenes highnes her heires and successours, at any tyme before
the sayde eyght daye of August, last past for & concerning the sayd ruptes.

And where as ynte the sayd. xxvi. yere of the sayde late kynge
Henry the eyght, his Maiestie, and the late kynge Edward the sytte,
and our sayd soueraygne Lord and Lady, the kynge and the quenes
Maiesties, or any of them haue before thys tyme by their seuerall and
sondyr letters patentes, gyuen graunted and assured aswel vnto son-
dyr Bysshoppes and their Successours, as to dyuerse Cathedral
Churches, Deanes and Chapiters colledges and other ecclesiasticall
and spirituall persones and corporations and there Successours dy-
uerse Mannors, Landes, Tenementes, Rectories personages, tythes
glebelandes and other hereditamentes, to hold in pure and franke al-
moyne or by any other tenure, & to paye yereley vnto their maiesties,
their heires and successours one yereley rent in the name of a tenth,
or the tenth part of the yereley value of the same, as by the sayde seue-
rall patentes more at large doth appeare.

Our sayd soueraygne Lord and Lady, the kynge and quenes
Maiesties that now are, further willen that it be enacted, and be it
enacted by thauthoritie of this present parliament, that the sayd per-
petuall pencion, annuall rent or tenth, mentioned and conteyned in
the sayd acte, made in the sayde. xxvi. yere of the regne of the sayde
late kynge Henry the eight, and the sayd seuerall rentes and tenthes re-
serued vpon the sayd letters patentes for and in the name of a tenth
or any of them from and after the feaste of S. Michell tharchangell
last past shall not be payed or payable vnto their Maiesties, her heires
or successours, and that aswell all and singler the Archbysshoppyckes,
Bysshoppyckes, and other the benefices dignities, Deanes and Chap-
ters, Colledges, Corporations and spiritual promotions, aforesayd, as
all and euery possessor, Owner, proprietyes and incumbete of the
same and their Successours and euery of them from & after the sayd
feast of Saynt Michell tharchangell last past shall be clearly exone-
rate acquitted and dyscharged of and for the payment of the sayd per-
petuall pencion, annuall rent or tenthes aforesayd, and of the sayd ten-
thes reserued vpon the sayde letters patentes, and of euery of them
agaynst our sayd soueraygne lord and lady, and the heires and succes-
sours of the Queene, to thintent that the same shall be ordered bled &
disposed in maner and fourme as hereafter in thys acte shall be expres-
sed. And for the better declaration of their Maiesties good and godly
dispositions in the premysse, their highnes doth by aucthority of this
present parliament clearly gyue ouer renounce and relinquish from
them, and the heires and Successours of the Quenes hyghnes,
the sayde perpetuall pencion, annuall rente, and tenth, and
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the said rents reserved *nomine decime* by the said several letters patentes & al their right, title, & interest, which they or the said heires or successors of our sayd soueraigne lady the quene haue, or maye haue in or to the same. ¶ And where diuers and sundrie rectories, personages, & benefices improprie, glebe landes, tithes, oblations, pencions, portions, and other profits and emolumentes ecclesiastical & spiritual to the same, or any of them belongyng, & the reuerſion & reuerſions of diuers of the, ſince the .xx. yere of the raygne of the sayde late kyng Henry the viii. came vnto the handes & poſſeſſion of the sayd late king. And likewise ſince his death vnto the handes of the sayd late kyng Edward the ſixe, & after vnto the handes & poſſeſſion of the king & quenes maiesties that now are, as in the right of her highnes of an estate of enheritaunce. Their maiesties lyke good catholyke and chriſten prynces earnestlye tenderynge the instruction of theyr people in trewe and ſincere doctrine, and therewithall waying the pouertye and ſcarſenelle of lyuynge of manye and sundry benefices and cures wythin thys realme, and other theyr dominions, by reason whereof ſufficient and hable curates can not be gotten to ſerue the ſame, lyke wyſe wyl len that it be enacted.

And therfore be it enacted by thauctoryte of thys preſente parliament, that their maiesties and the heires and ſucceſſors of the quenes highnes, ſhal not fro the ſaid feaſt of S. Michell tharchangel laſt paſt receyue, perceyue, take or inioye, any the iſſues, reuenues, profittes, or comodities, of the ſayd rectories, personages, benefices, glebe landes, tythes, oblations, pencions, portions, and other profyttes, & emolumentes, eccleſiaſtical and ſpiritual aforeſayde, or any of the or of the reuerſion or reuerſions of them or of any of the, but doth from and after the ſaid feaſt, clearely geue ouer, renounce, and relynquyſhe by thauctoryte aforeſayd, the ſayd rectories, personages, benefices, glebe landes, tythes, oblations, pencions, portions, and other profyts and emolumentes eccleſiaſtical and ſpiritual aforeſayd, and euery of them and the reuerſion and reuerſions of the and of euery of them, and all theyr ryght, tytle, vſe, intereſt, and demaunde of in or to the ſame, from the and the heires and ſucceſſors of the quenes maiestie for euer to be vſed imployed, ordered, and diſpoſed, in maner and fourme as in thys acte hereafter is expreſſed and declared.

Provyded alwayes, and be it enacted by thauctoryte of this preſent parliament, that thys act or any thyng therein conteyned ſhal not in any wiſe extēd to extinguiſh, diſcharge, or geue away any of thysſues, tenementes, or profits of the ſaid rectories, personages, & benefices improprie, glebe landes, tithes, oblations, pencions, & portions, aforeſaid or any arrerages of reſtes of the ſame, or the arrerages of any of the ſaid ſe-

tēthes before specified or of any part or pcell therof, Deu bnto theyr maiestyes her heires and successours at the sayde feast of S. Michell the archaungell last past, or anye tyme before the sayde feast, but that theyr byghnesses, her heires and successours shall haue, receyue, and enioye, all and synguler the sayde arerages of the sayde rentes, and seuerall tenthes, Deu at, or before the sayde feast, in lyke maner and fourme as yf thys act had not bene made, anye thyng before mencioned lawe, vse, or custome, to the contraye not wythstandynge.

PROVIDED also, and be it enacted by the aucthoritye aforesayde that thys act or any thyng therein conteyned shal not in any wyse extende to extinguishe, discharge, or geue awaye anye yearely rente, reserued for and in the name of a tenth, bypon any letters patentes, heretofore made and graunted by our sayd Soueraygne lord kyng Henry the eyght, kyng Edward the fyrte, and by our Soueraygne lord and ladye the kyng and queenes Maiestyes, or by any of them to anye personne or persones and to theyr heires, or in fee tayle, general or specyall, or for terme of lyfe, lyfes or yeaeres, or to any bodys polytyke or corporate, and to theyr successours other then to spirituall & ecclesiastycal corporations and to their successours, but that the kyng and queenes maiestyes, her heires and successours, shal haue perceyue and enioy, all and synguler the sayde rentes so reserued bypon anye of the sayd letters patentes, not beyng made and graunted to any spirituall or ecclesiasticall persons and corporations, and to their successours as is aforesayde, in lyke maner and fourme as yf thys acte had neuer been made.

And where the kyng and the queenes Maiestyes stande charged for the payment of sundrye rentes pencyons annuities, corrodies, fees, and other yearely paymentes seuerally graunted aswel by diuers & sundry late abbotes, priors, maisters of colledges, maisters of hospytals, chauntery priestes, and other ecclesiastycall and spirituall persons before the dissolution of their houses, to diuers and sondry persons seuerally or ioyntly for terme of lyfe, lyfes, or yeres, as also by her sayd father kyng Henry the eyghte, and by her sayde brother kyng Edward the fyrte, and by her maiesty, or by any of them to diuers and sondrye religious persons and others seuerally or ioyntly for terme of lyfe lyfes or yeres, the names of al which persons together with their seuerall yerey rentes pencyons annuities corrodies fees and yerey paymentes and profyttes, shalbe specialy and perticulerly set furth and conteyned in a certayne booke indented, whereof the one counterpayne to be sygned by our sayde Soueraygne lady the quene and the other with the sygne manuel of the most reuerende father in God Reynold Poole Cardinal and Legate *de latere* of the Popes holynes, and

and of the Sea apostolyque, specially sent vnto theyr maiestyes, and to theyr kyngdomes, and dominions, to the intent our sayde Soueraygne Lorde and Ladye the kyng and quenes maiestyes, theyr heires and successours should be from the sayde feast of Saynt Michel the archaungell last past, and at all tymes from henceforth, clearelye exonerated, acquitted, discharged, or saued harmeles, of and from the payment of the sayde rentes, pencions, annuities, corrodies, fees, & perely paymentes aforesayd. Our sayde Soueraygne lord and ladye the kyng and the quenes maiestyes are pleased, and contented that it be enacted.

And therefore be it enacted by thauthoritye of thys presente parliament that suche, and so manye of the clergye of thys realme, as the sayd lord Legates grace shall fro time to tyme name and apoint and the successours of them and euery of them (yf it shall so please the sayde lord Legates grace to name appoynte and assigne them) shall from the sayde feast of Saynt Michell last past, and so from thence furth from tyme tyme vntyll the sayde rectories, personages and benefices impropriate, and other the sayde spiritual profyttes, shalbe other wyse ordred vsed and imployed by the assignement of the sayde lord legates grace, as hereafter is expressed and declared, haue take perceyue and receyue aswell all and singuler the sayde perpetuall pencyon, annuall rentes, or tenthes, and euerye of them at such dayes and tyme, and by al such ways and meanes, as the same is hymtted and appoynted to be payde eyther by the sayd seuerall letters patenttes or by the sayd former estatute made in the sayd. xxvi. yere of king Henry the. viii. or by any other estatute made for and concernyng the true payment of the sayde tenthes or anye of them, as also all and singuler the iusses, reuenues, profyttes, and comodities, of and in all and singuler the sayd rectoryes, personages, and benefices impropriate, glebe landes, tythes, oblations, pencions, porcyons, and other profyttes, and emolumentes, ecclesiastical and spiritual aforesayde, & of the reuertio and reuertions thereof, when they shall fall by all suche wayes remedies and meanes, for the leuiyng and recouerye of the rentes and profittes of the sayde premysses, as our sayde Soueraygne lord and ladye her highnes heires and successours shoulde or myghte haue done, yf the sayde premysses hadde styll contynued in theyr Maiestyes handes and possession, to thys ble and intent, and purpose folowynge that is to saye, that suche and as manye of the clergye of thys realme and theyr successours, as the sayde moste reuerende father the lord Legates Grace, shall name and appoynte, as is aforesayde, shall therewith satisfie, contente, and paye, or cause to be satisfied, contented, and payed, to all and euerye the sayde religious personnes

and others named within the sayde booke endented, whiche at thys tyme haue or ought to haue anye pencion, corrodye, annuitie, perelpe rent, profytte, or fee, for terme of lyfe, lyues or yeres, as is aforesayd, al and singuler theyr said pencions, corrodies, annuityes, rentes or fees at suche dayes and tymes as is limited and appoynted by seuerall letters patentes, or other writynges or grauntes to them made. And in suche maner and fourme as oure sayde Soueraygne lord and ladye the kynge and quenes hyghnesses, her heyres and successours should or ought to haue payde the same, yf thys acte had neuer bene had ne made, any thyng before mencioned to the contrarye not wythstandyng. And that they shall exonerate acquite, and discharge, or saue harmelesse the sayde kyng and quenes maiesties, and her heires and successours kynges of thys realme, of and for the paymente of all and singuler the sayd pencions, annuities, corrodies, and fees, and shalbe further bound for the assuraunce therof, as shalbe deuised by their maiesties, with the assent of the sayde lord Legate. Anye thyng before mencioned to the contrarye not withstandyng. And to the intent the poore benefices and cures of thys Realme, and other the dominions therunto belongyng may be hereafter furnyshed wyth good and hable curates to instruct the people with good and sincere doctrine, and to be hable to mayntayne hospitalitie, and for and to other godlye ententes and purposes to be done wythin thys realme. Our sayde soueraygne lord and ladye the kyng and quenes maiesties of their most gracious dispositions, are pleased and contented and wyllen that it be enacted.

And be it enacted by thaurortye aforesayde, that the sayde lord Legate shall and maye dispose, order, imploie, and conuert the sayde rectories, personages, and benefices impropriate, glebe lades, tithes, oblations, pencions, porcions, and other the sayd profittes and emolumentes, ecclesiastical and spiritual, to and for thencease and augmentation of liuynges of the incumbentes of the sayd, or other poore cures & benefices, or other wise for the fyndyng of preachers or the exhibitiō of scollers within thys realme and dominions of the same, as by the godly wysdom and discretion of the sayd lord Legate shalbe thought most mete & conuenient, sauynge to al and euerye person & persons, bodies polytyke and corporate, and their heyres assignes and successors and euery of them, other the our sayd soueraygne lord & ladye the king and quenes maiesties, and the heires & successors of the quenes highness, al such personages, nominations, presentatiōs, aduoufōs, ryght, title, possession, interest, reuerfion, remainder, entre, cōdition, fees, offices, rentes, annuities, commons, leases, liberties, & all other commodities, thyng and thinges, profittes and hereditamentes whatsoeuer in lyke

lyke maner & fourme to al intentes constructions & purposes as they
or any of them shoulde myght or ought to haue had in or out of any of
the sayde tenthes, personages, rectories, benefices, vicarages, tythes,
pencionys, porcions, oblations, obuentions, or in or to any of premysse
or any parte therof in as ample and large maner as yf thys acte had
neuer bene had ne made.

And provided alwayes and be it further enacted by the aucthority of
thys present parliament that immediatly after the decease of the said
persons named in the sayd boke to be indented, and the determinatio
of theyr seuerall estatutes and ryghtes, and to the sayd annuities fees
rentes and corrodyes, the sayd payment of the said perpetual pencion
annual painet or tenth, & of the sayd tenthes & rentes reserved *nomine*
decime vpon any letters patentes, made vnto ecclesiastical & spiritual per-
sons aforesayd, shal utterly cease & be determined for euer, any thinge
herein conteyned to the contrary in any wyse not wythstandynge.

And be it further enacted by the aucthority of thys present parly-
ament, that al and synguler person and persons, bodyes polytyke and
corporate, beyng spiritual and ecclesiastical and theyr successours and
euery of the, whych shall hereafter haue & enioy any of the sayd rector-
yes personages and benefices impropriate, glebe landes, tythes, ob-
lations, pencionys, porcions, and other profits and emolumentes eccle-
siastycall and spirituall aforesayde shall and maye haue and enioy, by
aucthority of thys acte lyke aduauntages, meanes benefices, acti-
ons & remedies agaynst the lessees & grauntees theyr executours ad-
ministratours, or assynges, and euery of them, by entre for none pay-
ment of rent from henceforth to be due, or for any waile hereafter to be
done, or for breache or not perfourmyng of any condition or couenant
or agreiment from henceforth to be perfourmed, fulfilled or done con-
teyned and expessed in the indentures of the sayd leases or grauntes
agaynst al & euery the sayde lessees, fermers and grauntees and theyr
executours administratours and assynges & euery of them as yf the
sayd person and persons bodyes polytyke and corporate spiritual and
ecclesiastycall, theyr successours and euery of them shoulde and might
haue had yf they had bene perty or priuy to the sayd indentures lessees
and grauntes, and likewise that al & euery the said fermers lessees and
grantees, theyr executours, administratours and assynges and euery
of them shal and may haue and enioy such part of the premysse as is
conteyned in theyr lease and leases, graunt or grauntes, during such
tyme as is mencioned and limited in any such lease or leases, graunt
or grauntes, yeldyng and paying the yerely rentes and seruyces re-
served vpon the same lease or leases, and performyng al & synguler co-
uenauntes and agreimentes, specified in euery such lease and graunte
the whiche on the leasees parte are to be obserued and kepte, and fur-
ther shall haue like action aduauntage benefit, and remedye agaynst
all and euerye the sayd personne and personnes bodyes polytyke and
corporate

corporate Spiritual and ecclesiastical, and their successours and eue-
ry of them whiche shall haue and enioye anye part of the premysles
for any condition covenante graunte or agreement hereafter broken
or not performed conteyned and expessed in their seuerall indentures
of their leases and grauntes, or any of them the which on the part and
behalfe of the lessours are to be obserued and kept, as the same leases,
or graunties or their executours admynystratours and assygnies, or
any of them myght or shoulde haue had agaynst the sayd person or per-
sons bodyes polytyke and corporate, ecclesiasticall and spirituall, and
their successours or any of them, yf they had bene both perty and priuy
to the sayd indentures leases and grauntes.

¶ Prouyded also and be it enacted by thauctozitie aforesayde that
this act or any thyng therein conteyned, shal not extende to take awai
from our sayde Soueraygne Lady the queene, her heires and Succes-
sours, the Patronages of any vicarege belongyng to any of the fore-
sayde personages and rectories impropriate, but that her highnes her
heires and successours shal contynue and remayne patronesse, and pa-
trons of the sayd vicareges in maner and fourme as yf thys acte had
never bene had ne made. Any thyng before mencioned to the contra-
ry not wythstandyng.

¶ And be it further enacted by the auctozitye aforesayd, that yf it hap-
pen any of the sayd rectories and personages impropriate, wherof
there is no vicar, or that hath vicareges indowed, and the patronage
of the same apperteyneth vnto the queenes Maiestye, her heires and
successours, to be hereafter disappropriated and made presentable or
otherwyse imploied as is aforesayd, that then her hyghnes her heires
and successours shal by vertue of thys act be iudged and demed verie
and vndoubted patrones of euery such rectorie and personage disapro-
priated, and made presentable, Thys acte or any other law, vse, or cu-
stome to the contrary in any wise not wythstandyng.

¶ And be it further enacted by thauctozitye of thys present parly-
ment, that yf it fortune any of the sayd rectories and personages im-
propriate the patronage of the bycarege, wherof doth or shall apper-
tayne vnto any person or persons, bodyes polytyke & corporate other
then to our sayd Soueraygne lady the queene, her heires and succes-
sours to be hereafter disappropriated and made presentable, that then
in euery such case the sayd person & persons, bodyes polytyke and cor-
porate, the which then shalbe patrones of the sayd bycareges, shalbe
patrones of the sayd personage so disappropriated in lyke estate degre
and condition as they were of the patronage of the vicarege before y
sayd disappropriatiō of the said rectorie or rectories impropriated, any
thyng in thys act or any law, or custome to y cōtrary notwithstāding

¶ Prouyded also, and be it enacted by the aucthozytye aforesayd,
That

That when and as often as any person or persones, to whome þe sayd pencion annuities, Corrodies or fees aforesayd, or any of them do belonge shalbe payde thereof, by thauctoie of thys acte or otherwyse satiffyed by any orde that shalbe taken vpon the same by anye other the þe Quenes Maiesties her heires or successours, that then such person or persones or any of the so payed or otherwyse satiffyed, shal not demaunde the same agayne of the kynge or Quenes Maiesties her heires or Successours, nor shalbe double payde of the same, the promission and orde of payment thereof before specified, or any other thing herein conteyned to the contrary not withstanding.

Þrouided also and be it further enacted by thauctoie aforesayde that yf it fortune the sayd Lorde legate, to decease before suche tyme as the contentes of thys acte, limited & appoynted to hys grace to be done, be fullye accomplyshed and executed, that the it shalbe laue full vnto the Archbysshoppes of Canterbury and yorke, for the tyme beyng, and to the eldest Bysshope of this realme by cōsecration, and in the tyme of the vacatiō of the sayd Archbysshoppes, or of eyther of them, then to the Deane and Chapiter of the seas, or se so beyde, during the sayde tyme of vacation and to the sayd eldest bysshope, for the tyme being, to do execute & accomplyshe all and euery thyng and thynges touching the order and disposition of the premises, as þe said most reuerende father the Lord Legate shall in his life tyme lymytte assigne and prescribe vnto them, & as his grace should or might haue done. And that the sayd Archebysshopes and Bysshope or the sayde Deanes and Chapiters in the tyme of vacation, and the sayde eldest bysshope as is aforesayd shall from tyme to tyme after the decease of the sayde Lorde Legate haue full power and auctoie by vertue of this acte, to doo and execute all and euery thyng and thynges touching the order and disposition of the sayde premises accordynglye as it shalbe prescribed vnto them by the sayd Lorde legate: And as the sayde Lorde Legates grace, shoulde or myght haue done if he had lyued. Anye thyng before mentioned to the contrarye notwithstanding.

And whereas diuers and sondry of the sayd rectories, personages and benefices impropriate, glebe lades, Tithes oblations, pencion portions, and other proffyttes, and emoluments, Ecclesiasticall and spirituall haue byn heretofore dimised and graunted to sondrye persones for terme of lyfe lyues or yeares aswel by dyuerse and sondry late Abbotes, Priors, Mayster of Hospitals, and Colledges, & other Relygious and Sperrytuall persones, and Gouvernours, before the Dissolution of theyr seuerall Houses and Places, as synce, by the sayde late kynge Henrye the Cyghte, kynge Edwarde the fyrte

the Saynt, and by our Soueraygne Lorde and Lady, the kynge and the quenes maiestyes, or by any of them, and in and by the sayde leases and grauntes, there is also comprehended and dimised together, wyth the sayd premisses, or wyth some part of the same, diuers and so diuerse manours, landes, tenementes, and other hereditamentes, and vpon some of the sayd leases and grauntes, is one hole and entier yere lye rent, reserued for the sayde spiritual possessions, & for the said other mannours, landes, tenementes, and hereditamentes, there wyth also graunted and letten, as by the sayd seuerall leases and grauntes, it maye appeare or be duelye proued. And where also dyuers of the sayd rectoryes, personages, benefyces, impropriate and other the spiritual possessions aforesayd, haue bene heretofore of so long continuance & tyme, dimised, letten, and occupied together, wyth manours, landes, tenementes, and other hereditamentes, and so ioyntly occupied and vbled, that it is to be doubted that some ambiguitie, question, and controuersye maye hereafter ryse and growe, as well for the diuision, and seuerance of the glebe landes, and other possessionys of dyuers of the sayde rectoryes, and personages, from other the sayde manours, landes, tenementes, and hereditamentes, which haue bene ioynded with the same, in lease, & occupation, as for the appoynting and ratyng, of the sayd hole and entier yearly rentes reserued vpon such leases as is aforesayde. For the auoyding of which ambiguities, questions and controuersyes, and to the intent a good indifferent rate & appoyntment of the sayd entier rent may be made accordyng to the quantitie of the sayd spiritual possessions so letten, and that the glebe landes of the sayde rectoryes & personages, and other the sayde spiritual possessions, so letten, wyth other landes and possessions as is aforesayd, may hereafter be knowen deuided and vbled in seueralltye from the other temporal possessions wherewyth they be letten, so that such spiritual persons as shalbe incumbentes or owners of the sayde spirituall possessions may haue enioye and receyue the same and other profits & rentes thereof in seueralltye from the other temporal possessions aforesayde, wythout any interruption or question accordyng to the kynge & quenes Maiestyes most godly intent and meanynge. Be it therfore enacted by thauthozity of thys present parlyament that in all cases wher the sayd rectoryes, glebe landes and spirituall possessions, or any part thereof is lette dimised or graunted wyth any of the sayde mannours landes tenementes or hereditamentes temporal, vnder one rent vndeuyded, or where the sayd glebe landes and spirituall possessions are not certaynlye knowen deuided or seuered from the other temporal possessions therewythall also letten, graunted and occupied seuerall Commissions shalbe from tyme to tyme awarded out of the Court of the chequer to fyve indifferent personnes, whereof thre to be of the spiritualtye

ritualtye & thye to be of the temporaltye, geuyng them aucthoritye by
bertue of the same, to call before them twelue good and indifferent
men inhabytyng within the countye, wherof euery of them shal haue
landes, tenementes, or hereditamentes, of estate of freholde, to the ye-
rely value of fyue pounce at the least, where the sayde rectories, glebe
landes, and spirituall possessions doe lye, and the same twelue bypon
theyr othes, shall indifferentlye deuyde and seuer by sufficient metes
and bondes, the sayde glebe landes of the sayde rectories and other
spirituall possessions, from the other laades and possessyons wyth the
same letten, and to rate and apporcion howe muche yerely rente shal-
be yerely payde for the sayde rectories and other spirituall possessions
so letten, and howe muche yearelye rente shall be payde for the sayde
Manours, Landes, Tenementes, or other temporal hereditamen-
tes therewythall letten and graunted, as the same twelue shall bypon
their othes & consciences thinke and iudge to be according to the quan-
titie and valewe of the thynges so letten and graunted, and the ra-
tyng diuision and apporcionyng of the sayde entier rente, and the se-
ueraunce and diuision as well of the sayde glebe landes and spirituall
possessions from the other manours landes tenementes and heredi-
tamentes temporal, as also of the sayde manours landes tenementes
and hereditamentes temporal, from the sayde glebe landes and spi-
rituall possessions beyng certified vnder theyr seales and the seales of
the sayd commissioners into the sayde courte of Exchequer, shalbe as
good and effectuell in the lawe as yf the sayde rate or apporciamente
of the sayd rent or the diuision and seueraunce of the sayde manours,
landes tenementes and hereditamentes, had bene made and done
by thauctoryte of thys present parliament, any lawe, vse, or custome,
to the contrary not wythstandyng.

An Act for the reliefe of the poore.

The. v. Chapter.



Of the intent that ydle and loyterynge persons and bas-
liaunt beggers may be auoyded, and the impotent, fe-
ble and lame, which are the poze in very dede, shoulde
be hereafter well prouyded for.

Be it enacted by the kynge and quene our Soue-
raygne Lorde and Ladye, wyth the assent of the Lorde
des spirituall & temporal and the commons in thys present parlia-
ment assembled, & by thauctorytie of the same, & the statute made in the
xxii. yere of the late kynge of famous memorie king Henry the. viii. and
also & statute made in the. iii. &. iiii. yeres of & regne of & famous king

D. i.

Edwarde

Edwarde the syxte, concernynge beggers bagaboundes, and ydle personnes, and euerye article, clause, brāunche, sentence, and other thynges conteyned in theym, and in either of theym other then suche thynges as shalbe by thys present acte otherwys ordeyned and prouided for, shal stande, remayne, and be in their full force and effecte, and shalbe also from hence forth iustly & truly put in execution accordyng to the true meanyng of the sayd seuerall statutes & either of the.

And further be it enacted by thauthoritie aforesayde, that perye on some one holyday in the Christmas in euery cyty, borough and towne corporate, the Maior, Baylyffes, or other head officers for the tyme beyng, and in euerye other paryshe of the countreie the personne, vicar, or curate, and the Churchwardens, hauynge in a register or boke as well all the names of the inhabytauntes and householders, as also the names of all suche impotente, aged, and nedye persones as beyng within their Cytye Borough towne corporate, or paryshe, are not hable to lyue of them selues, nor wyth theyr owne labor, shal openly in the churche and quietly after diuine seruyce, call the sayde householders and inhabitauntes together, amonge whome the Maior or other heade officers, and two of the chiefe inhabitauntes in euery such cytye, Boroughes, and Townes corporate, suche as the Maior or other head offycer shal thynke mete, and the personne vicar or curate and Churchwardens in euery other paryshe, shal electe nominate and appoynte perye two hable personnes or moo, to be Gatherers and Collectours of the charitable almose of all the resydue of the people inhabytyng wythin the paryshe whereof they be chosen Collectours for the reliefe of the poore, whyche Collectours the Sondaye nexte after theyr election, or the Sondays folowynge yf nedede requyre, when the people are at the churche at diuine seruyce, shal gently aske and demaunde of euerye man and woman, what they of theyr charite wylbe contented to geue wekelye towarde the reliefe of the poore, and the same to be wyrtten in the said register or booke, and the sayde gatherers so beyng elected & chosen shal iustlye gather and trulye distribute the same charitable almose wekely by them selues or theyr assynges, to the sayd poore and impotent persons of the sayd cytyes, boroughes, townes corporate, and paryshes, without fraude, or couine, fauour or affection, and after suche sort that the more impotent may haue the moore helpe, and suche as can get part of theyr lyuyng to haue the lesse, and by the discretion of the Collectours to be put in such labour as they be fyt and hable to do but none to go or fyt openly a beggynge vppon payne limited in the aforesayde estatutes.

Be it also enacted by thauthoritie aforesayde, that no person or persons so elected nominated, & appoynted to be gatherers or gatherers

ters as is aforesayde, shal refuse the sayde offyce, but shal iustly & truly execute the same, by the space of one hole yere nexte ensuyng vpon payne to forseyte fortye shillynges to the almosse boxe of the poore, to be leuied by the churchwardens, where they or he dwelleth of the goodes of the sayd gatherer or gatherers so refusyng by Distresse.

And further be it enacted by the auctorite aforesayde, that the sayd gatherers or collectours, shal make theyr iust accompt, quarterly to the Maiours or chiefe offycers, of the sayde cities, boroughes, & townes corporate, & in every parish of the countrey to the personne, vicar, or curate, & churchwardens of the parishe, at which accompte such of the parish as wyll may be present, & when they go out of theyr offyce, they shal deliuer or cause to be deliuered forthwith vpon the de of their accomptes all suche superplusage of moneye as then shal remaine of their collection vndistributed, to be put in the common chest of the Church, or in some other saufe place, to the vse of the poore at the ouersyght and discretion of the Maiours, offycers & other before mencioned. And yf the sayde collectours or anye of them do refuse to make theyr sayd accompt wythin eyghte dayes, then the byshoppe of the Dioces or the ordinary of the place, shal haue auctorite, by vertue of thys act, to compel the sayd person or persons, by censures of the Church, to make theyr sayde accomptes before suche persones as the sayd Byshoppe or ordinary shal appoynt, and to make immediate payment of the summes wherewith by determination of the sayd accompte they shalbe charged.

And be it further enacted by the auctorite aforesaid, that yf any person or persons beyng hable to further thys charitable worke do obstinately & frowardly refuse to geue towardes the helpe of the poore, or do wylfully discourage other from so charitable a dede, the person, vicar or curate, and Churchwardens of the paryshe wherein he dwelleth, shal then gently exhort hym or them towardes the reliefe of the poore, and yf he or they wyl not so be perswaded, then vpon the certificat of the person, vicar or curate of the paryshe to the Byshoppe of the Dioces or Ordinary of the place, the same Byshoppe or Ordinary shall sende for hym or theym to induce or perswade hym or theym, by charitable meanes and wayes, to extende theyr charytye as in thys act is wel ment and entended, and so accordyng to discretion to take order for the charitable reformatiō of euery such obstinat person, and for the better mayntenaunce of this charitable worke, it is ordeyned and established by auctorite aforesayde, that where as the late kyng of famous memory kyng Henry the eyght, by hys seuerall erections and foundatiōs hath ordeyned and appoynted any summe or summes of money to thuse of the poore, not beyng taken away otherwise by act of parliament, whether the same be in any Cathedral church, Colledge, or elles where, the Byshop of the Dioces for the tyme beyng

shall from tyme to tyme examine how and after what maner þe sayde money is bestowed, and cal to accompt the parties which retaine the sayd money so that it may appeare that the same is distributed to the poze, accordyng to the good intent and purpose of the sayd noble king that graunted the same.

And be it further enacted by the auctoritie aforesayde, yf it shall chaunce any paryshe to haue in it mo poore and impotent folkes not hable to laboꝝ, then the sayde paryshe is hable to releue, that then in enery such paryshe not standyng in any Citie oꝝ towne corporate, two oꝝ thye of the chiefe inhabitauntes of the same parishes, and in euery citie and towne corporate, the maiō oꝝ chiefe officers of the same citie oꝝ towne corporate, callynge to theym two oꝝ thye of the chiefe parishoners of the same parishes such as the said maiō oꝝ hed officer shal thinke mete, shall certifie vnto the Justices of peace of the Countye where the same parishes is, the numbꝛe and names of the persons, with whiche they be surcharged, and vpon such certificat the sayd Justices of the peace in the same countie oꝝ two of the wherof one to be of þe ^{Quorum} shall consider and examine the sayde certificate, and findynge the same true, shal then graunt vnto such, and as many of the sayd poore folkes as by theyꝝ discretion they shal thynke good, a sufficient licence vnder the seale appoynted foꝝ the limitte, to go abrode to begge get & receiue the charitable almes of the inhabitauntes of the countrey out of the sayd parishes, cities and townes so surcharged in which licence the places townes and parishes to which such poze folkes are by that licence licensed to resort, shal in the same licence be named limitted & appoynted, be it one hundred oꝝ moo, in the sayd countye at the sayde discretion of the same Justices, and yf anye of the sayde poze folkes so licensed shal transgresse the lymyttes to them appoynted and resorte to begge at other places, than is in the sayd licence named, the partye so transgressynge and offendynge to be taken foꝝ a valiaunt begger, and punished accordyng to the statute made in the sayd. xxii. yeare of kynge Henrye the eyghthe and hys oꝝ theyꝝ lycence to be taken frome theym.

And be it further enacted, that where anye of the sayde cities boroughes townes corporate oꝝ paryshe so surcharged, is scituate and standyng in one Countye oꝝ two Countyes of thys Realme, oꝝ scituate and standyng in one, and immediatlye adioynynge to another County of the realme, as the cty of Bristol and townes of Ludloo, & Stanfōrd Stōnd, that in that cities the sayd Maiō, head Officers, and inhabitauntes of euery such Cytie, Borough, Towne corporate, and Paryshe, shall make certificate vnto the Justices of the sayde Countyes adioynynge to the same Cyties, Boroughes, Townes corporate

porate, and paryshes, and the same Justices of the sayde adioynynge Countye or Countyes to do, geue lycence, and folow the order aboue remembred, accordynge as other Justices of the Countyes, in whych the Paryshe surcharged standeth, is limytted and auctorised to doo.

And be it also enacted that in all Cities Borowes and Townes corporate, within which be diuers paryshes, the Maior and head officers of euery the same cytyes, borowes and townes corporate, shall consider the state and habilitie of euery suche paryshe, and yf the same Maior and officers shall vnderstande by their discretion that the parishioners of any one of the sayd paryshes is of suche wealthe and honour that they haue no pouertie amonges them or be hable sufficietly to releue the pouertie of the parysh wher they inhabite and dwel, and also to helpe and succour pouerty els where further, that then the said Maior and officers wyth the assent of two of the moste honest & substantial inhabitauntes of euery suche welthy paryshe, shall consider the nedenesse of th inhabitantes of the other parish or parishes within the same cyty or towne corporate, and moue enduce and perswade the parishioners of the welthyer paryshe charitably to contribute somewhat accordynge to theyr habilitie towarde the wekely reliefe succour and consolation of the pore and neddy wythin the other parysh or parishes aforesayde, where nede is.

And be it also enacted that all and euerye suche pooze folkes as by anye suche licence are to be licensed and auctorised to resorte oute of the limyttes libertyes and fraunchises of all and euerye suche citie borough and towne corporate, into anye the sayde countyes to begge, get and gather the charitable almes of good people, shall at al tymes when the same goth abrode to begge, weare openlye vpon hym or the bothe on the brest and the backe of hys or their vttermoste garmente some notable badg or token to be assigned vnto hym by the Maior or head officers of the same Cytye Borough and towne Corporate or paryshe, with the assent of the Justices of the peace that shall graunte the same licence vpon payne to be taken for a valiaunt begger, and to be punished as afoze is remembred, and shall also carpe hys licence wyth hym vpon lyke payne. This acte to endure to the latter ende of the fyrst session of the next parliament.

Provyded alwayes, and be it further enacted by the auctorite aforesayde, that thys presente Acte nor anye thyng therein conteyned, shall not extende or bee preiudiciall vnto the Maior Sheryffes, and Cytyzens of the Cytye of Chester, for or concernynge anye gyfte or graunte of anye annuitie or rearelye rente, heretofore made, geuen, or graunted, by the sayde famous kynge

Edward the syxt, vnto the sayde Maior, Sheryffes, and Citizens of the sayde cytye, goyng out of any monours, landes, tenementes, and hereditamentes of the Cathedral church of Chyriste and our Ladye wythin the cite of Chester, but that the same Maior, Sheryffes, and citizens shal and may from henceforth, receyue, vse, and imploye the same auctorities, yerely rentes, or profyttes, to suche vles, and ententes, and accordyng to the sayde gyfte of the sayde famous kynge anye thyng in thys presente Acte to the contrarie not wythstandyng.

PROVIDED alwayes and be it enacted by the auctoritie aforesayd, that all and euery summe and summes of moneye from henceforth to be collected or gathered wythin the cite of London or the liberties of the same by vertue of thys acte, shalbe payde ouer to the gouernours of the hospytall called the hospital of Chyristes church wythin the sayd cytye of London for the tyme beyng and shalbe by them from tyme to tyme distributed & bestowed for the reliefe of the poore of the sayde Citie, accordyng to theyr wysdomes and discretions, any thyng in thys acte mencioned to the contrarie not wythstandyng.

An Acte agaynst the excessiue takynge of the kynge and the Quenes Maiestyes purueyours.

The syxt Chapter.



DR the auoydyng of the great annoyauce and hindraunce commonlye done to the Subiectes of thys realme, by purueyours and takers of beues, wethers, Lambes, Calues, al kinds of grayne Butter, Chease, bakon, all kyndes of pullarne, and to excheue hereafter not onely the great deceypt ministred and done dayly by the sayd purueyours and takers, but also hereby to auauunce the kynge and quenes maiesties better seruice in the premisles, with the contentation of all theyr hyghnes faythfull and moste obedyent subiectes.

Be it therefore enacted by oure sayde Soueraygne Lorde and Ladye with the assent of the lordes spirituall and temporall, and the commons in this present Parliament assembled, and by the auctoritie of the same, that after the feast of the byrth of our Lorde nexte ensowyng, euerye suche commission as shalbe made, graunted, and directed, to any person or persons, what soeuer whereby the same person

son or personnes, or theyr deputies shal haue auctoritie to take any Beues, Wethers, Lambes, Calues, or any kynde of salt fishe, or anye kynde or kyndes of grayne, or any butter in barrells or other vessels Cheafe, Bakon, Connies, Pigges, Gele, Capons, or Hennes, that the same commission or commissions, shall not extende or continue aboue the space of fyre monethes at the farthest next ensewng the date of any of the sayde commissions. And after the ende of the sayde sixe monethes euerye of the sayde commissions to be voyde and of no force nor effecte, whatsoeuer wordes matter or sentences shalbe contened or expresse in anye of the same commissions.

And be it further enacted by the auctoritie aforesayde, that in al and euery suche commission or commissyons to be graunted after the sayde feast of the byrth of our lord, shalbe playnly as well conteyned and expresse such countye or countyes, as any of the sayd beues, wethers, lambes, calves, hogges or swyne, or anye kynde of salt fysh, or any kynde or kyndes of grayne, butter, cheafe, bakon, connyes, pygges, gele, capons, or hennes, or any of the, is to be leuied, purueyed or taken in, by any of the person or persons or their deputie or deputies, so auctorized by the vertue of the sayde commission or commissyons, as also the iuste, true, and full proportion and number of al and euery such beues, wethers, lambes, calves, swyne, any kynde of salt fysh, or any kynde or kyndes of grayne, butter in barrells or other vessels, cheafe, bakon, connies, pigges, gele, capons and hennes, or any of the as the sayde persone or persones theyr deputie or deputies or anye of them shalbe by force and vertue of the sayd commission or commissions auctorized to leue take or puruey wythin anye of the sayde countye or countyes.

And be it further enacted by the auctorite aforesayd, that to euery such commission or commissions after the sayde byrthe of our lord to be made graunted and directed as is aforesayde, shalbe annexed so many blankes in parchment as there shalbe seuerall countyes expresse named and conteyned wythin the sayde commission or commissions or anye of them, in the whyche blankes shalbe faire and legible wytten all and euerye suche beues, wethers, lambes, calves, swyne, any kynd of salt fysh, or any kynd or kyndes of grayne butter cheafe, bakon, connyes, pygges, gele, capons and hennes, wyth the true and seueral prices of the same, and euerye of the as shalbe leuied gathered and purueyed, by any person or persons theyr deputie or deputies, or any of them, as shalbe therunto auctorized by anye suche commission or commissions aforesayd wythin anye perticuler towne parryshe or hamlet, set, lying, and beyng, wythin anye those countie or counties, as shalbe named, conteyned, and expresse, within the sayd

commiſſion or commiſſions, or anye of them wherebnto ſhalbe ſubſcribed the name or ſygne manuall of all and euery ſuche hyghe conſtable or conſtables, petie conſtable or conſtables, headborow or headborowes as ſhalbe by any precepte to hym or them Directed, by anye perſon or perſons, theyr Deputy or Deputyes, or any of them, auctoriſed therebnto by ſuche commiſſion or commiſſions to be graunted, as is aforeſayde, yniue or knowledgyng to the deliuerie of the ſayd beues, wethers, lambes, calves, anye kynde of ſalte fiſhe, or anye kynde or kindes of grayne, butter, cheaſe, bakon, connies, pigges, geſe, capons, and hennes, or any of them.

And be it further enacted by aucthoritye aforeſayde, that euerye perſon or perſons theyr Deputy or Deputyes, or any of them which ſhal be by commiſſion or commiſſions, hereafter to be graunted as is aforeſayd, aucthorized to leue take or purueye, anye beues, wethers, lambes, calves, ſwoyne, ſalt fiſhe, or anye kynde or kyndes of grayne, butter in barrells or other beſſelles, cheaſe, bakon, connies, pigges, geſe, capons, and hennes, or anye of them, as is beforeſayde, ſhall make a dockette or brieſe in wytyng, ſubſcribed wyth hys or theyr name or names, conteyning al & euery ſuch beues wethers lambes calves ſwoyne kynde of ſalte fiſhe, kynde or kyndes of grayne, butter in barrells or other beſſelles, cheaſe bakon connyes pygges geſe capons and hennes or anye of them, as he or they ſhall by vertue of the ſayd commiſſion or commiſſions leue, take, or purueye, wythin anye perticuler towne parſhe or hamlet, ſette lyinge and beyng wythin any ſuch countie or counties, as ſhalbe named conteyned and expreſſed within the ſayde commiſſion or commiſſions or any of them, and the ſame docket or dockettes, brieſe or brieſes, faire and legeablye wytten and ſubſcribed as is aforeſayde, ſhall wel and truly deliuer to the ſaid hyghe conſtable petie conſtable, or headborow or one of them, at ſuch preſent tyme as the ſayd beues, wethers, lambes, calves, ſwoyne, ſalte fiſhe kynde or kyndes of grayne butter, cheaſe, bakon, connyes, pygges, geſe, capons, and hennes, or anye of them ſhalbe deliuered to them or anye of them vpon payne of forfeiture of .C. markes, of lawefull monye and one yeres impriſonment as often as he ſhall ſo offende. The one moyte of whiche forfeiture to be to the kyng and queenes maiesties, and the other moyte to hym that wyll ſue therfore in anye of the kyng and queenes courte of Recoꝛde, by byll playnte wytte information or other wyſe, wherein no wager of lawe protection or eſſoygne to be allowed. All whiche dockettes or brieſes the ſayd hyghe conſtable or conſtables, petie conſtable or conſtables, headborowe or headborowes, ſhall deliuer ouer to the Juſtyces of peace, at the nexte generall ſeſſions to be holden within any of the ſayde countyes. And that the
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same iustices or two of them may and shal from tyme to tyme certifie the whole number and content of al and euery the sayd dockettes and breses, to the Lord Steward of the kyng and Quenes most honorable household, for the tyme beyng, or to the treasurer and Comptroller of the same, or any of them, or to the treasurer and Comptroller of the kyng and Quenes shippes, yf prouision of any þ thynge afore-mentioned be prouided or taken, for the victailing of the nauie, or any of the kyng or Quenes Maiesties shippes, whereby the seruinge of any of the foresayd Commission or Commissions, and true answering of the same shal fully appeare.

PROVIDED alwayes and be it enacted by thauuthoritye aforesayd, that it shal not be lawfull to any person or persons, their deputie or deputyes or any of them, whiche shalbe auctorized by such commission or commissions hereafter to be graunted as is aforesayd, to leuy, take or puruey any beues, wethers, lambes, calves, anye kynde of saltfishe kynd or kyndes of grayne butter in barrells or other vessels, chease, bakon, connies, pygges, geese, capons, and hennes, or anye of the other wyse, or in any other sort and maner, then is in seueral estatutes heretofore for purueyours made ordeyned prouided appoynted limited and expessed, vpon such payne and paynes, as in the sayd seueral estatutes is conteyned and expessed.

And for as muche as the good & necessary lawes heretofore made and prouided agaynst the abuses and euill doynges of purueyours are not taken to extende to the vnder takers deputyes, & seruantes of any suche purueyours, by whome therfore the people of thys realme, be oftentimes verie vnhartyablie and vnlawefullie bled and oppressed.

Be it therfore enacted by thauuthoritye of thys present parliamēt, that all and euery suche lawes statutes and prouisions as heretofore haue bene made and ordeyned agaynst purueyours, and all and euery the paynes penalties forseynture and losse, conteyned mencioned, or appoynted, in any of the same lawes or statutes agaynst purueyours and takers or anye of them, shall also be extended and executed vpon euery of theyr vndertakers, deputyes, & seruantes. And al other which by colour shall after the fyrste day of January nexte comminge, take any victual or any other thyng, by vertue or force of any such commission from any the kyng and Quenes Maiesties Subiectes contrarye to the tenor and effect of any of the said lawes or estatutes, in like maner and fourme to al ententes and purposes, as the same lawes and Estatutes, or any of them, and the paynes and forseyntures therein conteyned, shoulde, myght, or ought to be executed and extended agaynst purueyours and Takers them selues or any of them. And as strongly and amplye, as yf the sayde vndertakers, deputyes, and seruantes,

uauntes were specially and perticulerly recited and name in euerye of the same estatutes.

PROVIDED alwayes, and be it enacted by thauuthoritye aforesaid for the better execution of thys acte, and all other actes concernynge purueyours, that all and euerye commission and commissyons that from henceforth shalbe made and graited vnto any purueiour or purueyours shalbe wrytten and set furth from tyme to tyme in the Englyshe tounge and not other wyse.

CAn Act agaynst the bying of stolen hoxses.

CThe seuenth Chapter.



PAS much as stolen hoxses, Mares, and geldings by theues and their confederates be, for the most part solde exchaunged geuen or put awaye in houses stables, backesydes and other secrete and priuie places, of markettes and faires, and the toll also priuely payed for the same, whereby the true owners thereof, being not hable to trye the falsched and couyne betwixt the byer and seller of suche hoxse, mare, or geldynge, is by the common lawes of thys realme wythout remedye.

Be it therefore enacted by the auctorite of thys present parlyament that the owner, gouernour, ruler, sermour, steward, bayliffe, or chiefe keper of euerye faire and market ouerte wythin thys realme, and other the quenes dominions shall before the feast of Easter nexte, and so perely appoynt and limitte oute one certen and speciall open place within the towne, place, fiede, or circuite, where hoxses, mares, geldynges and Coltes, hath bene and shalbe vled to be solde, in any faire or market ouert in whiche sayde certayne and open place as is aforesayde, there shalbe by the sayde ruler or keper of the sayd faire or markette, put in and appoynted one sufficient person, or more to take toll and kepe the same place from tenne of the clocke before none vntil son set of euery day of the sayde faire and market, vpon payne to lose and forfeyte for euery defaulte, forty shyllinges, and that euery toll gatherer hys deputye or deputyes, shal during the tyme of euery the sayd faires and markettes, take their due and lawfull tolles, for euerye such hoxse, mare, geldynge, or colte, at the sayd open place to be appoynted as is beforesayde and betwixt the houres of ten of the clocke in the mornynge, and the sunne set of the same day yf it be tedered and not at any other tyme or place, and shal haue presently before hym or them at the takinge of the same tolle the parties to the bargayne exchange, gyfte, contract, or puttyng away of euerye such hoxse, mare, geldynge,

geldynge or colte, and also the same horse, mare, geldyng and colte, so solde exchaunged or putte awaye, and shall then wyte or cause to be wyrtten in a boke to be kept for that purpose, the names, surnames, and dwelling places of all the sayd parties, and the colour with one special marke at the least, of euery suche horse, mare, geldyng or colte, in payne to forseyte at and for euery defaulte, contrarye to the tenor hereof fortye shyllinges. And the sayde tolle gatherer or keper of the sayde booke, shall wythin one daye nexte after eueri suche faire or market, brynge and delyuer hys sayde booke to the owner, gouernour, ruler, steward, baylyffe, or chiefe keper of the sayd faire or market, who shall then cause a note to be made of the true number of all horses, mares, geldinges, & coltes, sold at the said market or faire, and shall there subscribe his name or set his marke therunto, vpon payne to hym that shall make default therein to lose and forseyte for eueri defaulte fortye shyllinges, and also to answer the partye, greued by reason of the same his negligence in euery behalle.

And be it further enacted by the auctorite aforesayde, that the sale gyfte exchaunge or puttyng awaye after the laste daye of februarye nowe next commynge in anye faire or market ouert of anye horse, mare, geldyng, or colte, that is or shalbe theuyshele stolen or feloniously taken awaye from anye person or persones, shall not alter take awaye nor exchaunge the propertie of anye person or persons to, or frome anye suche horse, mare, geldyng, or colte, vnlesse the same horse, mare, geldyng, or colte, shalbe in the tyme of the sayde faire or markette, wherein the same shall be solde geuen exchaunged or putte awaye, openly rydden ledde walked driuen or kept, standyng by the space of one houre together at the leaste, betwyte tenne of the clocke in the moynyng and the sunne settinge, in the open place of the faire or market wherein commonly horses are commonly bled to be solde, and not within any house, yerde, backe syde, or other priue or secrete place, and vnlesse all the partes to the bargayne contracte, gyfte, or exchaunge, present in the sayde faire or market, shall also come together and brynge the horse, mare, geldyng or colte, so solde, exchaunged, geuen or putte awaye to the open place appoynted, for the tolle taker or for the booke keper, where no tolle is due, and there enter or cause to be entred their names and dwelling places, in maner as is aforesayde, with the colour or colours and one special marke at the least of euerye the same horses, mares, geldynges or coltes in the tollers boke, or in the keepers boke for that purpose, where no tolle is due as is aforesayde, and also paye hym their tolle, yf they oughte to paye any, and yf not, then the byer to geue one peny for the enterie of their names, and executyng the other circumstaunces afoze rehearsed, to hym that shall wyte the same in the sayd boke, and yf any horse, mare, geldyng or colte,

geldyng or colte, that is or shalbe theuisehewe stolen or taken awayne, shall after the sayde laste daye of february nexte commynge, be solde geuen, exchaunged or putte awayne, in anye saye or market, and not bled in all poyntes accordyng to the tenor and entent of thys estatute that then the owner of every such horse, mare, geldyng or colte, shall and may by force of thys estatute, lease or take agayne the said horse, mare, geldyng or colt, or haue any action of detinue or repleuin for the same, any sale gyft exchaunge or puttinge awayne, of anye suche horse, mare, geldyng, or colt, other then accordyng to thys estatute in anye wyse not wythstandyng, the one halfe of all whyche forfeitures to be to the kynge and queenes maiestyes, her heires and successours, and the other to hym or theym that wyl sue for the same before the Iustices of peace, or in any of the kyng and queenes maiesties ordinarie courtes of Recorde, by byll, playnte, action of debt, or inforamation, in whyche sutes no protection, esoyne or wager of lawe, shall be allowed.

And be it enacted by thauctoryte aforesayde, that the Iustices, of peace of every place and countie as well wythin liberties as without, shal haue aucthoritye in theyr sessiōs wythin the limittes of their aucthoritie and commission, to enquire, heare and determine, al offences agaynst thys estatute, as they maye do any other matter triable before them.

PROVIDED alwayes, that in euerye suche saye and market, where any tolle is nor shalbe due ne leuiable by reason of the fredome liberty or priuiledge of the sayde saye or market, the keeper or keepers of the booke touchyng the execution of thys presente acte, shall take nor exact but one penyne vpon and for euerye contracte, for hys labour in wytyng the enterie, concernyng the premisses in maner & forme as is before declared.

¶ An Act for the amendyng of
hygh wayes.

¶ The eyght Chapter.



¶ Amendyng of hygh wayes beyng nothe bothe very noysome and tedious to trauell in, and daungerous to all passengers and cariages.

Be it enacted by the aucthoritye of thys presente Parlyament, that the Constables and Churchwardens of euerye Parshye wythin thys Realme, shall perelye vpon the Twesdaye or Wednesdaye in Easter weke, call together a numbre of the Parochians, and shall then electe and chuse two

two honest persones of the paryshe, to be surueyours and orderers for one yeare, of the workes for amendement of the hyghe wayes in theyr paryshe, leadyng to anye markete towne, the whyche persones shall haue auctoritie by vertue hereof, to order and directe the persones and cariages that shalbe appoynted for those workes by their dyscretions, and the sayd persones so named shall take vpon them the execution of their sayde offices vpon payne euery of them makynge defaulte to forseyte twenty shyllinges. And the sayde constables and church wardenes shall then also name and appoynt foure daies, for the amendinge of the sayde wayes before the feaste of the natiuitie of S. Iohn Baptyste then next folowynge. And shal openly in the church y next so day after Easter geue knowledge of the same foure dayes, and vpon the sayd dayes the parochians shall endeuor them selues to thamendinge of the sayde wayes, and shalbe chargeable therunto as foloweth that is to saye, euery person for euery plowlande in tyllage or pasture, that he or she shall occupye in the same paryshe and euery other person keepynge there a draught or plow, shal fynde & sende at euery day and place to be appoynted for thamendinge of the wayes in that parish as is aforesaid, one waine or carte furnished after the custome of the country, with oren, hores, or other cattell, and all other necessaryes mete to cary thinges conuenient for that purpose, and also two hable men with the same, vpon payne of euery draught makynge defaulte tenne shyllinges and euery other housholder and also euery cotiger and labourer of that paryshe hable to labour and being no hyred seruaunte by the yeare, shal by them selues or one sufficient labourer for euery of them vpon euery of the sayde foure dayes, worke and trauell in thamendinge of the sayde high wayes vpon payne of euery person makynge default to lose for euery day .xii. pence. And yf the cariages of the paryshe or anye of them shall not be thoughte nedefull by the superuisors to be occupied vpon any of the sayd daies, that then euery suche person that shoulde haue sent any such caryage, shall sende to the sayde worke for euery caryage so spared two hable men there to labour for that day vpon payne to lose for euery man not so sent to y sayd worke tweiue pence. And euery person a caryage aboue sayde, shall haue and byngge with them such shouels, spades, pickes, matockes, and other toles, and instrumentes, as they ddo make their owne ditches and fences withall and such as be necessarye for theyr sayde worke. And all y sayd persones and cariages shall do and kepe theyr worke as they shal be appoynted by the sayde superuisors, or one of them, eyghte houres of euery of the sayde dayes, vnlesse they shall be otherwyle licensed by the sayde superuisors or one of them.

And be it enacted by the auctoritie aforesayde, that the Steward and Stewardenes of euery lete or lawedaye shall therein haue

Full power and authoritie, to enquire by the othes of the iurers of all and every thoffences that shalbe commytted within the lete or lawe day, against euerye poplite, and article of this estatute, and to assesse such reasonable fines, and amerciamentes for the same, as shalbe thought mete by the saide Stewarde. And in defaulte of suche enquiry or presentment, the iustices of peace of euery place or countye shall haue authoritie to enquire of the same offences, whyche shalbe committed within the limittes of their commission at euery their quarter sessions and to assesse such fynes therfore, as they or two of them, whereof one to be of the *Quorum*, shall thinke mete. And the steward of euery lete and lawday shall make estreats endented of all the fines forseitures, and amerciamentes, for the defaultes presented before hym & shall deliuer thone parte thereof sealed and signed by hym to the bailye or high constable of euery hundred rape, lath, or wapentake, wherein the defaultes shalbe presented & thother halfe to the constable and churchwardens of the paryshe, wherein the defaultes was made, the same to be receyued deliuered within sixe weekes after the feast of S. Michell tharchaungell, & the clarke of the peace shal make the like estreats endented of the fynes forseitures and amerciamentes for the defaultes presented before the Justices of peace and shall seale subscribe & deliuer the same, in lyke sorte as is aforesayd the which estreats & euery of them shalbe a sufficient warrant to the sayde baylyfe or cheife constable to leuie the sayd amerciamentes, fines, and forseitures, by way of distresse. And if no sufficient distresse can be founde by the sayd baylyfe or head constable, or yf the sayde offender shall obstinatelye refuse to paye the sayd amerciament, fyne, or forseiture and do not paye the same wpythin twentye daies after a lawefull demaunde of the same by the sayde officer, that then euey such person to forseyte the double somme that he shoulde before haue payde.

And be it further enacted, that euery of the sayd baylyfes & head constables shall at the leaste once every yere betwixte the first daye of Marche & the last daye of Aprill, make a true accompt and payement of all such sommes of money (to the constable & churchwardenes of euery paryshe wherein the offences was committed or to two of them) as he shall haue collected vpon any of the aforesayde estreats, vpon paine to forseyte for euery tyme he shall not to do. *xx. shyllynges.*

And be it enacted by thauthoritie aforesayde, that all fynes amerciamentes and forseitures whych shalbe dewe for any offence agaynst the puruey of this estatute, shalbe to the churchwardens of euerye paryshe wherein thoffences shalbe commytted to be bestowed of the high waies in the saide paryshe, and the sayde churchwardens shall haue authoritie to call the sayde baylyfe and headconstable to accompt before the Justices of peace or two of them whereof one to be of *q̄orum*, by

by bil, information or other wyse. The whych Justices shall haue auctoritie to take the sayde accompte, and to committe the sayd bailife or head constable to prison, there to remayne until he shall paye al such arerages as shalbe adiudged by the sayd Justices & euerye of the sayd baylifes, & head constables vpon their accmptes shall haue allowed for euery ponde he shall collect & pay, viii. pence for his owne paynes and, xii. pence for the fees of the clarke of the peace or stewart of the lete for the streates enderied of euerye seuerall paryshe that they shall deliuer as is aforesayd, & the Successours of euery churchwardens shall haue the like action of accompte against their predecessours as is before appoynted agaynst the baylifes. Thys acte to continue for seuen yeares next after the begynnyng of this parliament. And to the end of the next parliament then next folowynge.

**An Acte to auoyde diuers licenses of houses wherein
vnlawefull games be vled.**

The. ix. Chappter.



Moste humble beseecheth the Quene moste excellente hyghnes your louynge and obedyent Subiectes, the commons in this your present parliamente assembled, that where by reason of diuers sundrye licenses heretofore graunted to diuers persones, as well wythin the cite of London, and the Suburbes of the same, as also in diuers other places, wythin youre hyghnes realme, for the haupynge, maynteyninge, and keepynge of houses, gardens, and places for bowlyng, tenys, dysynge, white, and blacke, makynge and marrynge and other vnlawefull games, prohibited by the lawes and statuts of thys realme, diuers and many vnlawefull assemblies, conuenticles, seditions, and conspiracies, haue and bene daylye, secretlye practised, by ydle and misleued persones, repayryng to suche places, of the whyche robberies and many other misdemeanours, haue ensued to the breach of your hyghnes peace. For remedye whereof it maye please your highnes that it maye be enacted by youre hyghnes the Lordes spiritual and temporall, and the commons in thys present parliament assembled that from and after the feast of the birth of our lord God then next comynge, every license, placarde, or graunte, made to anye person or persones, for the haupynge, maintenaunce, or keepynge of any bowling alleys, dysynge houses, or any other vnlawefull games, prohibited by the lawes and statuts of thys realme, shalbe from the sayde feast utterly void and of none effecte.

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CAn acte to take examination of prisoners suspected of any
manslaughter or felony. Chap. x.



Here in the laste Parliamente holden at westmynster, amongst other thynges it was enacted, that suche Iustices of the peace as haue auctoritie, to bayle any prisoner broughte before them for any manslaughter or felony, before any bailement or maynpryce should take the examination of the sayd prisoner, & information of them that bynge hym of the facte & circumstaunces thereof, and the same or as much thereof as shalbe materiall to proue the felony, shal put in wrytyng before they make the same bailement, whych sayde examination together with the said bailement the sayd iustices shold certifie at the next generall gaole deliuey, to be holden within the tymptes of their comission, as by y same act more playnely is conteyned & may appere.

And forasmuch as the sayde acte doth not extende to such prisoners as shalbe brought before any iustice of peace for manslaughter or felony & by such iustice shalbe comitted to warde for the suspicio of such manslaughter or felony, & not bailed, in whych case the examination of suche prisoner & of such as shal byng hym, is as necessary or rather more the where such prisoner shalbe let to bayle or mainpryce. ¶ Be it therefore enacted by thau thoritie of thys present parliamente, that from henceforth such iustices or iustice before who any person shalbe brought for manslaughter or felony, or for suspicion thereof, before he or they shal comit or send such prisoner to warde shal take the examination of such prisoner & information of those that bynge him of the fact & circumstance thereof, & the same or as much thereof as shalbe materiall to proue the felony, shal put in wrytyng within .ii. dayes after the sayd examinatio and the same shal certifie in such maner & forme & at such tyme as they should & ought to do of such prisoner so comitted or sent to warde, had bene bayled or let to maynpryce, vpon such payne as in the said former act is limited & appoynted for not takyng, or not certifyinge suche examinations as in the sayd former acte is expessed. ¶ And be it further enacted that the sayd iustices shal haue auctoritie by this acte to bind al such by recognisance or obligation, as do declare any thinge materiall to proue the sayd manslaughter or felony agaynst such prisoner as shalbe so comitted to ward, to appeare at the next generall gaole deliuey to be holden within the countie, cite, or towne corporate, where the trial of the said manslaughter or felony shalbe, then & there to geue evidence agaynst the partie, and that the said iustices shal certifye y sayde bandes taken before the in lyke maner, as they should & ought to certifye the bandes mentioned in y said former act, vpon the paine as in the sayd former acte is mentioned for not certifyinge suche bandes, as by the sayd former acte is limited and appoynted to be certified.

An acte touchyng weauers

The eleuenth Chapter.



Wherby as the weauers of thys realme, haue as well at thys present parliamente, as at dyuerse other tymes, complayned that the ryche and welthy clothiers do manye wayes oppresse them, some by settinge up, and keping in their houses, dyuerse loomes, and keeping and mayntenyng them by Jorneie men and persons vnskyllfull, to the decaye of a great number of artificers, whiche were brought up in the sayd science of weauynge, their famylies and householdes, some by ingrossyng of loomes into their handes, and possession, and lettynge them out at such vnrasonable rentes, as the poore artificers are not hable to mayntayne them selues, muche lesse their wyues famylie and chyliden, some also by gruyng muche lesse wages and hier, for the weauynge and workemanshype of clothes, then in tymes past they dyd, wherby they are enforced vterly to forsake their arte and occupation where in they haue ben broughte up.

It is therefore for remedy of the premys, and for thaduoiding of a great number of inconueniences whych may growe (yf in time it be not forsen) ordeyned establisshed and enacted, by auctoritie of this present parliament, that no person vsing the seate or mistery of clothes makynge and dwellynge out of a cite, borough, market towne or corporate towne, shal from the feast of Saint Michel tharchaungel, no to next ensuyng, kepe, receyue or haue in his or their house or possession anye more or aboue one wollen loome at one tyme, nor shal by anye meanes directly or indirectly receyue or take any maner proffyt gayne or commoditie by lettynge or settynge any loome, or anye house wherin any loome is or shalbe vled and occupped, whych shalbe togitheres by hym set or let vpon payne of forseyture for euery weke that any person shal do contrary to the tenor and true meanynge hereof. *xx.s.*

And be it further ordeyned and enacted by lyke auctoritie, that no wollen weauer vsing or exercisyng the seate or mistery of weuynge and dwellynge out of cite borough market towne or towne corporate, shal after the sayd feast haue, or kepe at any one tyme aboue the number of two wollen loomes, or receyue any proffyte gayne or commoditie directly or indirectly as is aforesayd by any more then two looms at one tyme vpon payne to forseyte for euery weke that anye persone shal offend or do to the contrary. *xx.s.* And it is further ordeined & enacted by lyke auctoritie that no person whych shal after the saide feast vse exercyse or occuppe onely the seate or mystery of a weauer, and not clothmakynge shal durynge the tyme that he shal vse the seate or mistery of a weauer, kepe or haue any tuckynge mylle, or shal vse or exercyse the seate or mystery of a tucker fuller, or dyer, vpon payne to forseyte for euery weke that he shal so do. *xx.s.*

And it is further ordeyned and enacted by lyke auctoritie that no person whiche after the sayde feaste shall vse exercise or occupy the feate or mistery of a tucker, or fuller, shal during the tyme that he shal so vse þe sayd feate or mystery, kepe or haue any loome in his house or possession or shall directly or indirectly take any profite or commoditie by the same, vpon payne to forseyte for euery weke twentye shyllynges. And it is further ordeyned and enacted by lyke auctoritie, þe no person whatsoeuer whych heretofore hath not vsed or exercised þe feate mistery or arte of cloth makynge, shall after the said feaste, make or weaue or cause to be made or wouen any kynd of brode white wollen clothes, but onely in a citie borough towne corporate or markette towne, or ells in such place or places where such clothes haue ben vsed to be commonly made, by the space of ten yeares nexte before the making of this acte, vpon payne of forseyture for euery clothe otherwise made fyue poundes.

Þrouded alwayes and be it further enacted by the auctoritie aforesayd, that it shall not be lawfull to anye persone or persones being a weauer, or that doth or shal vse the arte or mistery of a weauer or weauing, dwelling out of a citie, borough towne corporate or markette towne, to haue in hys and their seruyce anye more or aboue the number of two apprentyces at one time, vpon payne to forseytte for euery tyme that he shall offende or doo contrarye to thys braunch, or article, þe summe of tene poundes. And further be it enacted by thaurtie aforesayd that it shall not be lawfull to or for any person or persones, to sette by the arte or mistery of weauynge after the sayd feast of Saynt Mychael onelesse the same person or persons so setting by the same arte or mistery of weauynge haue bene apprentyce to the same art or mistery or exercised the same by the space of Seuen yeares at the least vpon payne of twenty poundes, to be forseyted to the kynge and Quenes Heiress her graces heires or Successours, The one moite of all whiche forseytures shalbe to the kynge and Quenes hyghnesse her heires and Successours. And the other moite to him or them that wyll sue for the same in any courte of recorde, by action of debte, byll playnt or information, wherein no wager of lawe esoygne or protection shalbe admitted or allowed for the defendaunt.

Þrouded alwayes and be it enacted by the auctoritie aforesayd, that thys acte nor any thing therein contened, shall in any wise extend or be pzeiudiciall to anye person or persones, that dothe or shall dwel in the counties of Þorke Cumberlande Northumberlande and Westmerlande, but that they and euery of them shal and maye haue & kepe loomes in their howses, and do and exercyse al and euery thing & thynges, for or concernynge spynning, weauynge, clothworkynge, and clothmakynge in the sayd countie as they or any of them mighte haue done, or exercised lausfully before the making of this estatute, any thing contened

contained in thys estatute to the contrary in any wise notwithstanding

An acte for the biewing and sealyng of clothes commonly
called Brydgewaters.

The twelfth Chapter



Here before this tyme, the boroughes and townes of
Brydgewater Taunton and Charde in the countye
of Sommerfetshere haue byie well and substantially
inhabited occupied mainteined and vpholden, for the
most parte by reason of the making of wollen clothes
commonly called Brydgewater Taunton & Charde
Clothes whych in tymes past were much desired aswell beyonde the
Seas, as in this realme of Englande, and thereby the inhabytauntes
and poze people of the sayd borowes and townes, and of the countrey
there aboutes were daylye set on worke, and had sufficient liuing, by
the same, and where also the sayd townes in tymes past were of great
force and strength, to serue the kyng and queenes hyghnes progeny-
tours and auncesters, kynges of thys realme. forasmuch as of late di-
uers persones inhabityng and dwellinge in the villages hamlettes
and smale townes of husbandrye in the sayd countie of Summersette
whych were neuer prentices or skylfull in makynge of the sayde clothes
aswell for the pryuate wealths and commodities, as also because they
woulde be oute of deuotion of their clothes to be made accordyng
to the statute therfore provided, not regardyng the maintenaunce of
the sayd borowe and townes, nor the common wealth of the handye
craftes men and other poze people, whych cheifely had there lyuynge
and sustenaunce by makynge of the sayde clothes, haue of late daies ex-
ercised bled and occupied the misteryes of cloth makynge weaynge
fullynge and sherynge wythin their houses, and haue soo deceiptfully
made wrought and stretched the sayd clothes, to the infamyre and flau-
der of clothe makynge, in such sorte and maner that not onely the same
sortes of clothes are growen out of estimation, but also the said townes
are in greate decaye ruyne and depopulation.

For remedy whereof be it enacted by auctoritie of this present
parliament, that no persone whatsoeuer inhabityng, or whiche shall
hereafter inhabite within the sayd Countye shall after the feast of the
Purification of our Lady next comynge commonly called Candel-
mas put to sale any kynde of such clothes as is aforesayd, or clothes of
lyke nature makynge and sorte, made or to be made within the sayde
countie, except such cloth be fyrst biewed serched and seue in one of the
boroughes or townes aforesayde, whether the same be perfectlye and

truelly made accordyng to the Statute, and also that the same be seled with the Seale of one of the sayd boroughes or towne in suche sorte maner and fourme, as in the Statute made in the .x. yere of the reigne of our late soueraygne Lorde kyng Edward the .vi. intituled an act for the true makynge of woollen cloth, is for sealyng of clothes, provided and enacted vpon payne that every person offendynge or doyng cōtra-rye to the true meanynge of thys acte, shall forseyte the cloth sold or the halfe thereof, the mozte of all whiche forseyntures shalbe to our soueraygne Lorde and Ladye the kyng and Quenes Maiesties, the heirs and Successours of the quenes Maiestie, and the other halfe to hym or them that will sue for the same in anye of the kyngs and Quenes Maiesties court of recorde, her heires and Successours, wherin no ellysone protection or wager of lawe shalbe admitted or allowed.

An acte for the inhabitauntes of Dalpface touchyng the
byng of woulles.

The xii. Chapter.



As muche as the Marches of Dalpface and other places thereunto adioynng being planted in the greet wastes and moores where the fertilitye of grounde is not apte to bynge forth any corne, nor good grasse, but in rare places, and by excedyng and greate industrye of thynhabytauntes. And the same inhabytauntes altogether do lyue by clothmakynge, and the greates parte of them nether getteth corne, nor is hable to kepe a horse to cary wolles, nor yet to bye much wolles at once, but hath ever bled onely to repayne to the towne of Dalpface and some other nigh thereunto, and there to bye vpon the wolldryuer some a stone, some two, some three or foure, accordyng to their habilitie, and to cary the same to their houses some thye, foure, v. and syxe myles of, vpon their heddes and backes, and so to make and conuerte the same either into parne, or cloth, and to sell the same, and so to buye more wolles of the wolldryuer, by meanes of which industrye the barreyne groundes in those parties be now much inhabited and aboute syue hundredth householde there newly encreased within these forty yeres past, whiche nowe are lyke to be vndane and dyuen to beggery, by reason of the late estatute made, that taketh away the wolldryuer, so that they can not nowe haue their wolles by such small porci- ons as they were wonte to haue, and that also they are not hable to kepe any horses wherevpon to ryde or sette their wolles further from them in other places, onles some remedye maye be prouyded. For the remedye whereof be it enacted by the kyng and Quenes Maiesties,
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by the lordes spirituall and temporall & commons in this present parliament, & by thauentoris of the same, that fro henceforth, it shalbe lawfull to any person or persones inhabiting within the parische of Halifare to bye any wolles or wolles, at such times as the clothiers may bye the same, other wise then by engrossing & forstalling, so that the persons so buying the same, do carie or cause to be caried y^e sayd wolles so boughte by them, to the towne of Halifare, & there to sel the same to such poore folkes of that & other parishes adioyninge, as shall worke the same in cloth or yarne (to their knowledg) & not to the rich & welthy clothper nor to any other to sell agayne and yf either the sayd wolldier shal sel his sayd wolles at any other place forth of the sayd towne of Halifare or yf any such shal by their wolles at Halifare, shall selle their wolles that they bought agayne vnwrought in yarne or cloth, that then every such offender to lose & forseyte the double value of the wolles so sold or vttered, & one moyte thereof to be to the kyng & quenes maiesties her heyres & successours kynges of this realme, & thother moyte to him or them that will sue for the same in any of the king & quenes maiesties courtres of record, or before the iustices of peace in theyr sessions, who by vertue hereof in theyr open sessions shall haue auctoritie vpon information, to heare & determyne the same and to make processe agaynst the offenders as in any other case to be determined before them.

An acte for the reedefying of foure mylles nere the
citie of Herforde.

Cap. xiiii.

She wen vnto youre maiesties youre humble supplyantes, the Deane & chapiter of the cathedral church in the citie of Herforde, and also the maior & comminaltye of the sayde citie, that where vntill the xix yeare of the raygne of the late kyng of famous memory, king henry the viii, the deane & chapitour of the said cathedral church the being were sealed in their demeane as of fee, as in the right of the sayd church of & in two coyne mylles & two fulling mylles set by the ryuer of Ouse, within one quarter of a myle of the sayd citie, w^{ch} the water running to & goyng fro the said mylles & also with a weare vpon the same riu^{er} then belonging to the sayd mylles, which mylles tyme out of tyme were & haue bene so beneficiall for the inhabytantes of y^e said citie that there by clothmaking was there greatly encrease d, & very much people there inhabtyng set on worke, as weauers, fullers, walkers, spinners & carders, wherby the sayd citie was wel occupied, and the inhabitantes therof the very welthy and riche, and so continued vntill the sayd xix. yere of the said late king Henry the viii, at which time by wrongfull suggestion made to the said late king, by malice borne to y^e sayd deane & chapiter, & by a priuate letter fro the said late king by s^{er}u^{er} meanes obtayned, al the said four mylles wer throwe downe & destroyed, by reasoⁿ wherof y^e clothmaking in y^e said citie utterly celled and

And thereby the same cite hath runne in suche extreme ruine and decaye, that the people there inhabytinge (who before that tyme were there well occupped in the mysteryes aforesayde) are now not able for lack of woork to get theyr owne luyng to theyr vtter impouerishyng and desacyng of the sayd cite, whych is nowe so fylled with such numbre of poore, as maye not be relued there, vnllesse clothemakynge be there set furthe and maynteyned as it was before, whych the greatelpe shoulde encrease agayne, yf the sayde foure myles, or other for them, were reedified and buylded.

It maye therefore please your maiesties that it may be enacted by your maiesties, the lordes spirituall and tempoꝛal, and the cōmons in this present parliament assembled, and by thauctoztie of the same, that at any tyme hereafter, it shalbe lawefull to the sayd deane & chapter of the sayd cathedrall church of Hereforde for the time beinge, or theyr fermours or assygnes, to buyde, reedifye and set vp, or cause to be builde, reedified, and sette vp of newe, in the places where the sayde milles were builded, or as nere to the sayde places as conuenientlye may be, so it be vpon the soyle or grounde of the sayde deane and chapter, foure other sufficient milles, that is to say two coꝛne myles, and two fulling milles. And that from the time that the sayde foure milles in forme aforesayde, shalbe sufficiently buylded and set vpp, the sayde deane and chapter and their successours, shall and maye be leased of the sayd milles, and of the water comynge to & goyng from the sayde milles, and of the fshyng in the same water, and the wayes and pathes leadyng to the same milles, and of the said weare of such estate as the sayd deane and chapter then beinge, at the tyme that the sayd milles or any of them, were throwen downe or destroyed, were leased of the sayd other milles and of the sayde waters, fshynges, wayes, pathes, and weare, belongyng to the sayd foure milles or any of them.

And it may be further enacted by thauctoztie aforesaid that the sayd deane & chapter of the said cathedrall church for the time beinge theyr fermours or assygnes, shall haue tyme to buyde & set vp or cause to be builde & set vp, the sayd foure milles in maner & fourme aforesaid in the space of eyght yeares next after the first day of this present parliament. Sauyng vnto al & euery person & persones bodies politike & corporate their heires & successours, other then the sayd deane & chapter and their successours, al such ryghtes, states titles & interestes, whiche they or any of them had or ought to haue of & in the premises or anye of them, before the sayd milles, were throwen downe and destroyed, in such maner & forme as though the thys acte had neuer bene had or made

An act that purueyours shall not take victuals within five myles of Cambridge and Oxforde.

The. ro. Cha.
Humbly



Humblly sue to youre Maiesties, the societees, Colleges and compaynes, of your true and faythefull subiectes, and dayly orators thescholers and studentes of bothe your maiesties vniuersities, Cambraydge and Oxforde that where it hath bene accustomed tyme out of mind that both the sayd markette townes of Cambraydge & Oxforde, wherein the sayde two vniuersities be set, and the circuite of fiue myles next adioynynge, hath ben free from any charge or molestation of any common takers, or puruepours for byctuell wherebye the sayde markettes, were more plentyfullie serued wyth byctuell, and by poore estate of a greate multitude of scholers, haupng verve bare and small sustentation thereby releued, and now by the meanes that contrary to the same laudable custome, diuerse puruepours & takers haue of late excessively frequented the sayde markettes, and thereby gyven occasion to make the byctelles both more skante and much dearet to a notorious decay of schollers, which also dayly in this great derth is lyke to entreffe and be more lamentable, to the hinderance of gods seruyce, the dishonour of the realme, the discomfort of all good and holy men, loyng learnynge and vertue.

It may therefore please youre maiesties of youre greate ppyte and aboundant fauor and loue towarde your sayde two vniuersities, beyng the verve two onely houses of good learnynge in this realme, with the assente of the Lordes spirituall and temporall, and the commons, in this present parlamente assembled, and by the authority of the same, to enacte, ordeyne and establyshe, that from henceforth no maner of puruepor, taker, bager, loader, or other myster maye or shall take or bargayne for anye kynde of byctuell or grayne, in any of the sayde markettes or townes of Cambraydge, and the Citie of Oxforde, nor shall take or bargayne for anye byctuell within the compass of fiue myles, thereto adioynynge wythoute the consent agrement or good wyll of the owner or owners, nether shall attempte to cary take awaye or bargayne for anye maner of grayne, or other byctuell, boughte or prouyded within the sayde space of fiue myles by anye common myster, of anye Colledge, hostell, or hall to be spent within anye of the sayde Colledges, hostelles or halles, vpon payne of the forfeyture of the quadruple value, of anye such maner grayne, or byctuell soo taken or bargayned for, in anye of the sayde markettes, or wythin the sayde space of fiue myles, agaynst the wyll of the owners, as is abouesayde, or attempted to be taken caryed awaye or bargayned for beyng prouyded as is abouesayde, for to be spent in anye the Colledges hostelles, or halles. And further shall suffer imprisonment for the space of thre Monethes wythoute bayle or mayneprys and that the Chauncellour or vicerchauncellour of this

Commis

Commyssary for the tyme beinge, in eyther of the sayde vniuersities, with two Justices of peace, of the Countye, wherein the sayde vniuersities be sette, shall haue full power by auctoritie of thys acte, to enquire by the othes of .xii. men, of and vpon the defaultes and offences committed contrary to the tenor therof, and to see due punishmente and reformation thereof in forme aforesayde, from tyme to tyme, the one halfe of whych aforesayde forfeitures to be to the common treasure of eyther the sayde vniuersities respectiuelye to the faulte commytted agaynst thys thery priuilege, the other halfe to the partie that wyl sue for the same by action of debte, byll playnt or other wyse in any court of Recorde, or before the aforesayde Chauncellour bys vice chauncellour or Commyssary for the tyme beinge, and two iustices of peace, as is before expressed.

Wherbynt that this acte shall not be put in execution at any tyme or tymes whensoever youre maiesties, or the heyres or Successours of your maiestie our Soueraygne Ladye, shall please to come to any of both the sayde vniuersities or within leauen myles of eyther of the but shalbe in suspence during that tyme onelye and not longer.

Wherbynt alwayes and be enacted by the auctoritie aforesayde, that thys acte or any thinge therein conteyned, shall not in any wise be prejudiciall or hurtfull, to the Mayre Baylyffes, and commynaltie, of the cite of Oxforde, nor to the Mayre and commynaltie of the towne of Camebydge, or to their successours, for and concernyng anye of their liberties, or priuileges, but that they and euery of them, & their successours, respectiuelye, maye haue and vse the same, in suche maner and soyme, as they or any of them myght or ought to haue done before the makinge of this acte, any thinge in this acte conteyned to the contrary notwithstanding.

An acte touchyng watermen and barge-men vpon the ryuer of Champe.

The .xvi. Chappter.



Here as heretofore for lacke of good gouernemente and bette order, amongeste wherryemen, and watermen, exercysyng, vsyng and occupyng rotynge vppon the ryuer of Champe, there haue dyuerse and many myffortunes, and mischaunces, happened and chaunced of late years past, to a great numbrye of the kynge and queenes Subiectes, as well to the nobilitie, as to other the common people, that haue passed and repassed, and bene carped by water

water by reason of the rude ignoraunt and vnskylful number of watermen, which for the moste parte bene maisterlesse men, and synge men of all kyndes of occupations, and faculties, which doo worke at theyr owne handes. And many boyes beyng of smale age, and of litle skyll and beinge persones out of the rule and obedience of any honest mayster, and gouernour, and do for the moste parte of theyr tyme vse dycyng and cardyng, and other vnlawefull games, to the great and euyl example of other such lyke, and agaynst the Common wealth of thys Realme. And all whych sayd euyl and ignoraunt persones, in the tyme of prestyng by commission, for the serupce of the kyng and queenes most royal maiestyes, vppon the Sea, for that they haue no knownen place of abidyng, do for the most parte absent and conuey them selues into the Countrey, and other secret places, practising ther robberyes, and felonyes, and other euyl detestable factes, to the greates annoyauce of the common wealth. And so after the sayd comission, of prestyng ended, oft tymes the sayd euyl persons do repaire agayne to their former trade of rowyng, colouryng their euyl dedes, and also diuers of them being very ignoraunt for lacke of conuenient tyme of learnyng & exercise, in y which they myghte obteyne sufficient knowledge of their occupation do oft tymes presume and enterpryse to receyue dyuerse of oure sayde Soueraygne lord and ladye the kyng and queenes Maiestyes louyng subiectes, into theyr botes and whyrres, and do carpe and conuey theyr sayde Subiectes, from place to place by water vppon the sayd ryuer of Thamys, whereby dyuers persons haue bene robbed and spoyled of theyr goodes, & also drowned. And for and by the occasion aforesayde, be dayly put in feare and peril of theyr lyues, the which is verye lamentable & not to be permitted or suffered in any common wealth. And by reason also that a great number, and the moste part of the whyrres, and botes, now occupied and vled, and of late tyme made for rowyng vppon the sayde ryuer, bene made soo lytle and smale in porcion, and so streyghte and narrowe, in the bothome, varynge muche from the olde substanciall sort, and sure makynge of botes & whiries whiche was vled before the space of .xx. yeres last past, in so much as the most part of the botes & whiries vled at thys day bene so shallow and tyckle that therby great peryl & danger of drowning hath many tymes ensued and daylye is like to ensue onles some spedye remedy, be herein had and prouided.

For reformation whereof, be it enacted by the kyng and queenes Maiesties the lordes Spirituall and Tempozall, and the Commons in thys present Parlyament assembled, and by the aucthorite of the same. That there shalbe yere lye appoynted, chosen, & elected, by the Maior, and courte of Aldermen, of the cite of Londo, for the tyme

being the number of eyght persons, of the most wise discrete and best sort of water men being householders, and occupieng as watermen, vpon the sayd ryuer betwixt grauesend and Wyndsoze, whiche election shalbe yerele at the fyist courte of aldermen, to be holden wyth in the sayd citie next after the fyist day of March, and the same eyght persons so elected shalbe named & called the ouerseers, and rulers of al the whyymen & watermē, that from and after the sayd first day of March shal vse occupie or exercise any rowyng vpon the sayd riuer of Champe, betwixt Grauesende and Wyndsoze aforesayde whych sayd ouerseers and rulers, shall kepe and mayntayne good order and obedience, amongst the sayd watermen accordyng to the true meynynge of thys present acte.

And also be it further enacted by the aucthoritye aforesayd, that after the feast of Pentecost next comynge no person nor persons wher two watermen and not aboue the number of two shal row together in one bote or whyry, in anye place or places betwixt Grauesende, & Wyndsoze aforesayd shal presume or enterpryse to receyue or take any person or persons into his or theyr bote or whyry, to the intent to cary or conuey hym or them therein, onles one of the same two watermen, haue bene for the most part exercysed and bled in rowynge vpon the sayd ryuer of Champe by the space of two hole yeaues, before y tyme And that also one of the same two watermen, at the least be duly admitted and allowed by the same eyghte Ouerseers and rulers, or the most part of them by wytyng vnder theyr knowne seale to be a sufficient and hable waterman, vpon payne that euerye person & persons presumyng or offendyng contrary to the true meaning of this present act, shal by the sayd eyghte ouerseers or rulers be committed to prison in one of the Counters of the citie London, there to remayne by the space of one moneth, or lesse as the offence shall require.

And also be it further enacted that no person nor personnes beinge single men not keepynge household and not retyened, shall from and after the sayde feast of Pentecost next comynge vse or exercise to rowe betwixt Grauesend and Wyndsoze aforesayde, onles he or they be prentise or prentyses, or in seruice retayned wyth a maister by the hole yere at the least vpon payne of lyke imprisonment.

And also be it further enacted that the Lorde Maior of London, and the Aldermen of the same Citie, and the Iustices of peace, wyth in the shyes next adioynng to the sayd ryuer of Champe, euerye of them within theyr seuerall iurisdiccions and aucthorityes shall haue full power and aucthoritie by vertue of thys present acte, vpon complaint made to them or any of them by the sayd ouerseers and rulers or two of them, or the maister or maysters of any such seruantes not onely

onely to examine, heare, and determine al complayntes, and offences, to be done or committed by anye suche person or personnes, that shall offende contrarye to the true meanyng of thys presente acte, and to set at large all and euery suche person & persons, as shall fortune to be imprisoned by the sayd ouerseers and rulers accordyng to thys acte yf iuste cause shall appeare vnto them so to do. But also by their good discretions and wisdom to punishe, correct and refourme the sayde Querseers and Rulers, and euery of theym that shall iustelye or wythoute good cause or grounde, punyshe anye personne or personnes, by couloure of thys presente Acte, or anye thyng therein contayned.

And be it further enacted by thauctozitye aforesayde, that yf anye person or persons what soeuer from hence forth do or shal make anye whypp or bote, to the entent commonlye to vse rowyng and caryinge people vpon the sayd riuer of Chamis, which shal not be .xxii. fote and a halfe in length, and foure fote and a halfe brode in the mydshyppe, or whiche shall not be substanciallye and well hable & sufficient to carye two person on one syde tyght, accordyng to the old quantitie, scantlyng, thychenes of bozde, goodnes, and good propozcion, heretofore had, and vled, that then the same bote or botes, so beyng made contrarye to the propozcion and sorte before expressed, shall be taken as forfeyte, and shalbe forfeyte, the one halfe thereof to the kynge and quenes maiestyes, oure sayde soueraygne lorde and ladyes vse, and to the vse of the heyres and successours of the quenes maiestye. And the other halfe to hym or theym that wyll sue for the same, in anye of the kyng and quenes maiestyes courtes of Recorde, by action of Detinue Bylle, Playnte, Infourmation, or other wyse, wherein no wager of lawe, essoygne, protection, or iniunction, shall be allowed for the defendaunt.

And be it further enacted that yf anye person or persons, whiche from and after the sayd feast, shall vse and exercise the occupation of rowyng betwyrte Grauesende and Wyndsoze aforesayde, which in the tyme of the execution of anye Commission of prestynge, that shall be hadde for the seruyce of the kynge and Queenes Maiestyes, and the heyres and Successours of the quenes Maiestye, in their affaires, shall wyllinglye, voluntarilye, and obstinatelye, wythdrawe, hyde, or conueye hym or theym selues, in the same tyme of prestynge, into secrete places, and oute corners, and after when suche tyme of prestynge is ouerpasse shall retourne and come agayne to the sayde ryuer of Chamys, to row betwyrte Grauesende and Wyndsoze aforesayd, & that duelye proued by two indifferent wytnes, before the sayd maior & court of aldermen, or Iustices of the yeace & two of the sayde rulers, that then he or they so doing & offendyng, shal suffer imprisonment by

by the space of two wekes, and be banished anye more to rowe from thenceforth vpon the sayde ryuer of Chamys, by the space of one hole pere and a daye, then next folowynge.

And be it further enacted, that it shalbe laweful to the sayde. biii. rulers for the tyme beyng, & their successors frō time to time to cōuent and cal before them at some conueniente place, by them to be appoynted, al and euery suche person and persons, whyche from and after the sayde feast of Pentecost, shall occupye and vse the sayde trade and occupation of rowyng betwixte Grauesende and Wyndesore aforesaid and shall enter and register the name and names of them, and euerye of theym that shalbe by theym allowed or admitted for watermen, to rowe betwixte Grauesende and Wyndesore aforesayde, in a booke to be made for the same intente and purpose, and to take such further order and direction therein, wyth euerye of the sayde parties, by thauctozpyty of thys present act, as it shall seme mete and necessary by the discretion of the sayd ouerseers, and rulers for the tyme beyng. And also that the sayd ouerseers and rulers, shal and maye by aucthozpytye of thys act, ouerse, viewe, and surueye, at al and euery tyme and tymes hereafter, al maner botes and whyzys, that shal frō and after the said feast be made, before the sayde bote or botes, whyzys or whyzys, be lanchyd oute of the parde or grounde wherein the same bote or botes, whyzys or whyzys, shal fortune to be made, into the said riuer of Chamys, to the intent that they and euery of the may be made and prepared in such maner and forme, and according to the goodnes, proportion and quantitie, in thys present act before lymptted and expressed.

And be it further enacted by thaucthozpytye aforesayd that yf anye person or persons, whych at any tyme hereafter shalbe elected or chosen to be a ruler or ouerseer, as before is expressed do happē negligently to vse & exercise, hys or theyr rowme or place, or that wyl obstinately refuse to take vpon hym or them, the rowme or rowmes, place or places, of any the sayd ouerseers or rulers, that then all, and euerye suche offender or offenders so offendynge, shall lose and forseyte the summe of fyue poundes of lawfull money of Englande. The one halfe wherof shalbe to our sayd soueraygne lord and ladye the kynge and queenes maiestyes vse, and to thuse of the heyres and successors of the queenes maiesty, and thother halfe to hym or them, that wyl sue for the same in any of the kyng and queenes maiesties courtes of recorde, by action of Debt, or by any other the wayes or meanes aboue specified, wherin no wager of law, esloygne, protection, or iniunction, shalbe admitted or allowed, for the defendaunt or defendauntes.

And be it further enacted by thaucthozpytye aforesayd, that the said maior and court of aldermen of the sayd cyty of London, for the tyme beyng, shal from tyme to tyme at theyr discretions limit, set, & assesse, the

asseſſe the pryce and pryces, and ſūmes of money that euery perſon or perſons, ſo aucthouſed to row as is aforeſayd betwixt Graueſende & Wyndſore aforeſayd ſhal take for hys or theyr labour, or fare fro place to place perticulerly betwixt Graueſende and Wyndſore aforeſayd, and the ſame pryces and aſſeſſementes to be ſet, ſhall bynyng or cauſe to be brought to the priuie Councell of oure ſoueraigne lord and ladye the kyng and quene to be viewed and ſene by ſome of the ſayd priuie counceyl, and after that the ſayde aſſeſſementes and pryces, ſhalbe ſygned and ſubſcribed with the handes of two of the ſayd priuie counceyl at the leaſt, the ſayde Maior and courte of Aldermen for the tyme beinge ſhall cauſe the ſayde pryces and aſſeſſementes to be wyrtten and ſet vp in tables in the Gyilde hall, in the cytye of London, Weſtmiſter hall, and elſwhere, where the ſayde Maior and courte of Aldermen ſhal thinke conuenient. And euery perſon and perſons that ſhal take for hys or their fare or labour aboue the pryces that ſhalbe aſſeſſed, viewed, wyrtten, and ſet vp in forme aforeſayd, ſhal forfeite for euery ſuch offence fourtye ſhyllinges, and alſo ſhall ſuffer impryſonment by one halfe yere, the one moite of the ſayd forfeiture to be to the king and queenes maiesties, theyr heyres and Succellours, and thother moite therof, to hym or them that wyl ſue for the ſame in anye of the kyng and queenes maiesties courtes of recoorde, by action of debte, or by any other the wayes or meanes aboue ſpecified, wherein no wager of law, eſſoygne, protection, or iniunction ſhalbe admitted or allowed for the defendaunt or defendantes.

And be it further enacted by thautoric aforeſaid, that no perſon nor perſons occupynge or vſynge any weſterne barge, ſhall receyue, take, or receyue into hys or theyr ſeruite, any ſingle perſon, not keping houſe or houſholde, but onelye ſuche as ſhalbe retayned wyth hym or them by the whole yere, and no houſholder, but ſuch as he or they wyl and ſhal aunſwere for, for hys or their good behauor, vpon paine of forfeiture for euery ſuch offence fourtye ſhyllinges, the one moite therof to be to the kinge and queenes maiesties, her heyres and ſuccellours, and the other moite therof to hym or them that wyl ſue for the ſame in any of the kyng and queenes courtes of Recoorde by action of debte, or by any other the wayes or meanes aboue ſpecified, wherein no wager of lawe eſſoygne, protection, or iniunction, ſhalbe admitted or allowed for the defendaunt or defendantes.

CAn act to take away the benefit of clergie from Benet Smith for the murder of Rufforde.

CThe. xviij. Chapter.



A most humble wise sheweth vnto your most excellent hyghnesses, & to the lordes and commons in thys present parliament assembled, your true subiect and daily oratrice Margery Rufforde wydow, late the wyfe of Gyles Rufforde, late of Edlesburgh in your graces countie of Buckyngham esquire, deceased, that where one Benedict Smith late of Edlesburgh aforesaid yoman, otherwise called Benet Smith late of Edlesburgh in the sayd countie of Buckyngham gentle man, of hys cruel mynde and deadly malice and hatredte whiche he the sayd Benedict had and dyd beare vnto the sayde Gyles Rufforde, he the sayd Benedict in the terme of Easter in the first yere of the raygne of your hyghnes our sayd soueraygne ladye the queene, dyd purchase and comence a wyttte of appeale of robbery returnable in your hyghnes benche commonly called the kynges benche, against the foresayd Gyles Rufford, and other persons supposyng by the same wyttte, and by the declaration therevpon made, that the sayde Gyles Rufforde and the other persons named in the said wyttte, the seuenth day of Apryll in the sayd first yere, at lytle Gaddesden, in your graces countie of Hertford, dyd feloniously steale take and beare away from the person of the said Benedict one cloke, a veluet purse, sixtene poundes ten shyllinges in money numbred, & other thynges of the moneye goodes and cattels of the sayd Benedict, wherevpon the sayd Gyles Rufforde and the sayde other persons named in the sayde wyttte dyd appeare and were arrayned in the said bench and thervnto plede not gylty and thervpon the sayd parties were at issue, as by the recozdes there remaynyng in the sayd bench playnly apeareth, the which said issue not being tried, the sayd Benedict Smith, not cessyng to execute hys sayde deuelyshe malyce & crueltye, but entendynge vtterlye to distroye the sayd Gyles Rufforde, & the sayd other persons named in the sayde wyttte, he the sayd Benedict together with one John Godfrey of Edlesburgh aforesayde yoman, the seven and twenty day of September in the fyrst and seconde yeaeres of your hyghnesses reygnes, at Ware in the sayd county of Hertford dyd falsely conspyre to endite the sayd Gyles Rufforde and the sayd other persons, of the sayd robbery and felonye mencioned in the sayd wyttte of appeale wherevpon they the said Benedict and John Godfrey did then, and there, before your hyghnesses Justices of general gaole deliury, then and there holden endyte the sayde Gyles Rufforde, and the sayde other personnes, named in the sayde appeale, of the sayde robbery and felonye, vpon which sayd inditement, the sayde Gyles Rufforde was after ward then, and there, before the sayde Justices arrayned, & therevnto dyd plede not gyltye, and put hym selfe vpon the countrey, wherevpon he the sayde Gyles was after warde then, and there, thervpon founde not gyltye, as by the recozdes therof playnly appeareth.

And

And yet the sayd Benedicte Smyth not yet leuynge his said bet
ation and malice, dyd afterwarde sue forth processe to haue the sayde
issue tried betwene hym & the sayd Gyles Rufford ioynd in the sayd
wrytte of appeale wherebpon processe continued against the Jurye
therbpon retourned in the sayd countie of Hertford, vntyl the said iu-
rye dyd appeare in the sayd benche, at a certayne day, at whiche daye
the sayd Benedicte Smyth wyth hys witnesses and counsellours, did
geue in euidence to the sayd Jury to proue the sayd Gyles gylty of the
sayd felony, and the sayd Gyles in like maner with his witnesses and
counsellours dyd geue in euidence to the sayd Jury to proue hym the
sayd Gyles not to be gylty of the sayd felonye, wherebpon the sayde
Jury was charged to trye the sayde issue. And afterward when they
were agreed vpon their verditte therof, and redy to yelde by the sayd
verditte, the sayde Benedicte beyng solempnlye called in the sayde
benche, dyd make defaulte and was nonsuite in his saide wrytte of
appeale, by reason whereof aswel the said Gyles as the said other per
sons named in the sayd wrytte were discharged of y^e said sute, against
the sayd Smyth, as by the recordes therof remaynyng in the sayde
bench playnelye appeareth, by reason and occasion of all which sayde
shame, slaunders, verations, troubles & charges, that the sayd Gyles
Rufforde was put vnto thorough the false and slaunderous meanes
of the sayd Benedicte he the sayd Gyles entendynge to recouer agayne
part of his sayd charges, dyd afterwarde in the sayd bench comence &
sue a byll of conspiracye agaynst the sayd Benedicte Smyth, & John
Godfrey for their said false and vntrue conspiracie, in procurynge the
sayd false indytement, where vnto the sayd Benedicte and John God
frey pledyd not gyltye, wherbyon they were at issue and therebpon
prosses dyd continue in the sayd bench vntyl a wrytte of *nisi prius* was
awarded out of the sayd bench, into the said countie of Hertford to tri
the said issue, where at the assyses holden at Hertford in the sayd coun
ty of Hertford, in the xxii. day of July in the fyrst and thyrde yeares of
your hyghnesses raynges, it was founde before the iustices of the said
nisi prius by the iurye therebpon enpanelled that the saide Benedicte &
Jhon Godfrey were gyltye of the sayd conspiracie, and the sayd iurye
assessed damages to foure score and ten poundes, & ten poundes for
the costes of the sayd sute, as by the recordes of the sayd *nisi prius* plain
ly may appeare, synce whych sayd verdit so geuen the sayde Benedicte
Smyth being led with the instigation of the deuyll, and encreasynge
in more mischiese and malice against the sayd Gyles, did moue, styre
labor, hye, and procure, one fraunces Coniers, late of London gen
tleman, and one John Spencer, late of London yoman, to murder &
kyl the sayde Gyles Rufforde, and promysed the sayde fraunces and
John Spencer forty poundes to commit the sayd murder, and he the

sayd Benedict dyd geue vnto the sayd Fraunces and John Spencer two Fauelynges and a dagge to committe the same, whereupon the sayd Fraunces Conyers, and John Spencer at diuers and seuerall tymes, aswel in your sayd county of Buckyngham as in your graces countyes of Hertforde, Wydd. and Hunt. dyd go aboute to committe the sayd murder, and at the last by the great labour and desier of the sayd Smyth, they the sayd Fraunces and John Spencer after ward that is to wyt, the tenth daye of September last past, at Alconburyc Weston, in your graces county of Hunt. by the procuremēt aforesayd dyd maliciously and feloniously kyll and murder the sayd Gyles Rufforde, for which murder so committed and after relation therof made vnto the sayd Smyth, he the sayde Benedict Smyth, did after ward send to the sayd murderers a ryng of golde, and twenty shyllynges in money, by the forenamed John Godfrey in part of payment of the sayd forty poundes, as by the seuerall confessions of the sayde murderers, and also by the confession of the sayd John Godfrey, and diuers other most manifestly may appeare, whiche sayd murder was and is one of the most detestable and heynous murders, all the circumstances considered that was done or committed by suche false practyses conspiracies and deuysses within the tyme of any mans remembrance wythin thys youre Realme, to the euyl and perylous ensample of all other lyke offenders.

It may therefore please your most excellente hyghnesses the premysses considered, and for the auoydnyng of such detestable murders, hereafter that it maye be enacted by youre hyghnesses, the lordes spirituall and temporall and the commons in thys present parliamente assembled, & by the auctoritie of the same, & be it enacted by the sayde auctoritie, that yf the sayd Benedict Smyth other wyse called Benet Smythe, be or shalbe in anye maner of wyse hereafter lawfullye indited in your sayd countie of Buckyngham, or elsewhere, or apealed as accessary to the sayd murder, for the procuring of the same, and be therbypon founde gyltye by verditte of twelue men, or shal cōfesse the same vpon hys arraynement, or shal not aunswere therunto directly accor dyng to the lawes of thys your realme, or shal stand wilfully or of malice muet, or shal challenge peremptorye aboue the numbrye of twenty persons, that then he the sayd Benedict shal not be admitted to haue or enioye the priuiledge or benefitte of hys clergye, but shalbe put from the same. Any law Statute or custome in thys your realme to the contrary not wythstandyng.

CAn act touchyng commissions of the peace and gaole Deliuery in towne corporate not beyng Countyes.

CThe. xviii. Chapter.

where



Here the kyng and quenes most excellent highnes and theyr noble progenitours kynges of thys realme, haue heretofore graunted their seuerall commissyons directed aswel vnto the maiors, recorders, and other graue men, and inhabitauntes of certayne aunciente and famous cytyes & townes corporate, wythin their realme of Englande, not beyng countyes in them selues, as also vnto diuers other woorthypful and learned men dwellinge out of the same cytyes and townes corporate, aswel for the keeping of theyr peace good ordering of theyr people, & executyng of theyr lawes & statutes, within the same Cytyes and townes corporate, as also for the delyuerye of theyr maiestyes prysoners remainyng in the gaole there, & after the grauntyng of such commissyons theyr maiestyes haue graunted dyuers other lyke commissyons vnto certeyne woorthypfull and learned men of the shyres, lathes, rapes, rydynges, and wapentakes, of thys Realme of Englande, for the confirmacion of theyr peace, and also delyueryng of theyr prysoners remainyng in theyr gaoles wythin the same shyres, lathes, rapes, rydynges, and wapentakes, whiche commissyons so bearynge a latter date, haue bene a *supersedas* and cleare discharge vnto al and singuler the sayd former commissyons graunted vnto the said cities and townes corporate not being counties in the selues, so that the sayd maior and other graue and chiefest officers of euery suche cytye and towne corporate haue bene charged to sue for the renewyng agayne of suche commissyons bothe for the peace and gaole delyuerye, to the great expences, costes, and charges, of the sayd maior, and other inhabytauntes of such cytyes and townes corporate, & to the great protractyng and delay of iustice there in the meane tyme. For reformatioun wherof, & for the better auancement of iustyce in the premysse.

Be it therfore enacted by the kyng and quenes maiestyes, the lordes spiritual and tempozal, and the commons in this present parliament assembled, and by thauctopty of the same, that all and singuler commissyons and commissyons, graunted or to be graunted, to any such cytye or towne corporate, not beyng as is aforesayd, a countye in it selfe, for the keeping of theyr peace & delyuery of the prysoners remainyng in the gaoles of any such cytye or towne corporate, not beyng a countye in it selfe, shal stand, remaine, & be good and auaylable and effectual in the lawe, to al ententes, constructions, and purposes, the grauntyng of any lyke commissyon of peace or gaole delyuery, to anye commissyoner or commissyoners for the conseruation of the peace, or delyuerye of the prysoners remainyng in the gaole of any shyre, lath, rape, rydyng or wapentake, wythin thys realme of England, bearyng date after the sayd commissyon or commissyons, graunted as is aforesayd, to any such cytye or towne corporate, not beyng as is aforesayd, a countye in it selfe, to the contrary not wythstandyng.

¶ At Act touchyng e Dowdike in
Marshlande.

¶ The .xix. Chapter.



Here in the parliament holden at Westminster in the
xxii. yere of the raygne of the late king Henry the .viii.
there was an act made & established for the preserva-
tion of Marsheland in the countrey of Norff. entituled
an act concernyng Dowdike in Marshelande, by the
which act, it was provided & enacted, that yf any per-
uerse and malicious persone dyd cut downe and breake anye parte or
partes of the dike, called the newe Dowdike in Marshelande, in the
countie of Norff. & the broken dike, otherwyle called Oldfielde Dyke
by Marsheland in the Isle of Elye in the countie of Cambridge, or of
any other bancke beyng percel of the rynde and uttermost part of the
sayd countrey of Marshelande aforesayde, made for the defence & pre-
servation of the same countrey of Marsheland, that euery such offence
from henceforth by any person or persons committed & done otherwile
then in working vpon the sayd bancke or dykes, for the repairing, for-
tesifying, and amendynge, of the same, should be taken, reputed, & ad-
iudged felonye, and that the offenders and doers of the same, & euery
of them, be adiudged and reputed felons, and that the Justices of the
peace of the sayde counties of Norff. and Cambridge within the same
Isle, at euery of theyr sessions within the same Isle and counties to be
kept, by thauctozitie aforesayd, should haue full power to cause enqui-
rie to be made of euery such offence so at any time after in forme aforesayd
to be committed & done, and to award like processe agaynst eue-
ry of the said offenders with like iudgement & execution of the same,
yf they or any of them be therof founde guilty, by verdite or otherwile
as the sayde iustice hath vled & accustomed to do vpon other felonies
beynge felonye at the common lawe, as by the recorde of the sayde
acte moze playnely appeareth. And albeir the sayde estatute was
a verye good and beneficiaall statute for the defence of the sayde coun-
treye of Marshelande, yet the sayde Statute was and is by one acte
and estatute latelye made for the repeale of treasons and felonies
in the fyrste yere of the raygne of oure late Soueraygne Lorde
kyng Edward the fyrte, amonges dyuers other thynges clearelye
repealed and made voyde, by reason whereof, aswell the sayde
countrey of Marshelande, as the inhabitauntes of the same and
theyr goodes and cattelles presentlye stande and remayne in greate
daunger of downyng and surroundyng, to theyr vtter impouerishe-
ment and vndoynge.

for

For reformation whereof, be it enacted by auctoritie of this present parliament, that the sayd act and estatute made in the sayde parliament holden in the sayde .xxii. yeare of the raygne of the sayde late kynge Henry the eyght, entituled an acte concernynge Dowryke in Warshelande, and al and euery braunche article penaltie & sentence therein conteyned shal from the twenty day of January next comyng be reuiued and stand and be in perfect force strength and effect in the lawe to al ententes constructions and purposes as the same was before the repeale therof had and made. Any thyng mencioned and conteyned in the sayd acte of repeale or anye other lawe or statute to the contrary not wythstandyng.

An Acte for the enlargynge of the Duchye of Lancaster.

The twentye Chapter.



DIR as muche as the kyng and quene our soueraigne Lord and Lady considering and regarding the estate of the Duchye of Lancaster being one of the moste famous princelyest and stateliest peces of oure sayde soueraygne ladye the Queenes auncient enheritaunce, do perceyue and consider that the possessions & pearelye reuenuies of the sayde Duchye are & haue bene of late greatlye diminished, aswel by reason of sundrye gyftes, grauntes & seales, made by the late kinges of famous memory Henry the eyght, and Edward the syxt, late kinges of Englande, father & brother to oure sayde soueraygne ladye the Queenes hyghnes as also by reason of sundrye exchaunges made with diuers their lounge Subiectes, of sundrye Manours, landes, tenementes, possessions, and hereditamentes, latelye belongynge to the same Duchye, and the manours, landes, tenementes, possessions, and hereditamētes, being receyued and taken in recompence of the sayd exchaunges be not annexed to the said Duchy but bene in thozder suruey and gouernance of other courtres and places so by theyr highnes taken and receyued in exchaunge.

And for asmuche also, as their maiesties do minde and intende to preferue, auauce, mayntayne, and continue, the auncient and honorable estate of the sayd Duchye, oure sayd soueraygne lord and ladye therefore be pleased and contented that it be enacted ordeined & established by theyr maiesties, with the assent of the lordes spirituall and tempozall and the commons in thys presente parliament assembled, and by thauctorite of the same, that all honoures, Castelles, lordshypps, manours, landes, tenementes, possessions, and hereditamētes, within

wythin this realme of Englande which at any time synce the .xxviii.
 day of January in the fyrst yere of the raygne of our sayd late soue-
 raygne Lorde kynge Edward the fyrte, were percell of the posses-
 sions of the sayd Duchy of Lancaster or which wer vnited and annex-
 ed to the sayd Duchy by aucthority of parliament, letters patentes, or
 otherwise. And which at any time since þ sayd .xxviii. day of January
 haue bene geuen graunted alienated bargayned solde exchaiged or
 otherwyle seuered from the sayd Duchy by our sayd late soueraygne
 lord kynge Edward the fyrte, or by our sayd Soueraygne ladye the
 Queene that now is, or by our Soueraygne Lorde and Ladye the
 kynge and queenes Maiestyes that now be, to or wyth any persō or
 persons, and which sayd honours, castels, lordshyppes, Mannours,
 landes, tenementes, and hereditamentes, synce suche gyftes, graun-
 tes, alienations, bargaynes, Salcs, Exchaunges, or seuerance ther-
 of, so made as is aforesayde, bene comen or retourned againe to the
 handes of our sayd late Soueraygne lord kynge Edward the fyrte,
 or to the handes of our sayde Soueraygne Ladye the quene, or to the
 handes of our sayde Soueraygne Lorde and Ladye, the kynge and
 Quene, or to the handes of her maistye, her heires and successours,
 in possession, reuersion, remaynder or otherwyle by attaynder, esche-
 ture, forfeiture, purchase, exchaunge, or otherwise. And whiche now be or
 remayne in the handes of our sayde Soueraygne lord and ladye the
 kynge and the queenes Maiestyes, of any estate of inheritaunce, shall
 from the tyme the same came and reuerted agayne, to the handes of
 our sayde late Soueraygne lord kynge Edward the fyrte, or to the
 handes of our sayde Soueraygne ladye the Quene, or to the hands of
 our sayd Soueraygne lord and ladye the kynge and quene, by auc-
 toritie and force of this acte be vnited and annexed for euer vnto the
 sayd Duchy of Lancaster, and shalbe adiudged demed and taken for
 euer, for and as percels and membyres of the said Duchy of Lancaster
 and that all suche and those of the sayde Mannours Landes Tene-
 mentes and hereditamentes, which be lying wythin the County pa-
 lentine of Lancaster, shall be of the same nature qualite kynde and
 condition, to all ententes constructions and purposes, as others the
 auncient possessions of the sayd Duchy lying and beinge within the
 sayd County palentine of Lancaster, be and ought to be, and al those
 and such of the sayde manours landes tenementes & hereditamentes
 which be lying out of the sayd county palentyne of Lancaster shalbe
 of the same nature qualite kynde and condition to all intentes con-
 structions and purposes, as other auncient possessions of the said du-
 chy lying and being out of the countie palentyne of Lancaster be, and
 ought to be, and shalbe in the letting setting order rule suruey receipt
 and gouernance of the chauncelour, counsell, and officers of the sayd
 Duchye

Duchy of Lancaster for the tyme beyng, for evermore in lyke and the same manoure and fourme, to all intentes and purposes, as others the sayd auncient possessions, belongynge to the sayde Duchye bene haue bene or owen to be.

AND that all the sayde Honoures, Castelles, Lordeshyppes manours, landes tenementes, and hereditamentes, vnited, and Annexed, to the sayd Duchye of Lancaster, by auctoritie & force of thys acte, and all and singuler gyftes, grauntes, leases, letters patents, and wytynges thereof, or of any percel thereof hereafter to be made by þe kyng and quenes hyghnes, or by the heyres and successours of her maiestie shall for evermore passe and be made vnder suche of the seales of the sayd Duchy, as other the auncient possession of the sayde Duchye, haue vsed to passe and be made, & not vnder any other seale or other wyse, and with the lyke and the same lyuery of sealon attornementes ceremonyes orders and circumstaunces in the lawe, and in the same manour and fourme, as other the auncient possessions, of the said Duchy.

And the letters patentes, charters and wytynges thereof heretofore of aunciente tyme made, haue vsed and oughte to be made and passed and not other wyse nor in anye other maner and fourme, anye lawe estatute vsage or custome to the contrarye thereof, in anye wyse not wythstandynge.

AND be it further enactyd, ordeyned, and establyshed by thauctozitie, aforesayde, that oure sayde soueraygne Lorde and lady the kyng and Queene that nowe bene, & the heyres and successours of her maiestie, maye from tyme to tyme hereafter at theyr libertes and pleasures, by theyr graces letters patentes, to be sealed with the great seale of Englande, vnite annexe lymyte assygne and appoint any other theyr honours, Castelles, Lordeshyppes, manours, landes tenementes, and hereditamentes, lyng and beinge within thys theyr sayd realme of Englande, vnto their sayde Duchy of Lancaster, for the further augmentation honor and estate of the sayde Duchye at their wylls and pleasures.

And that all and euerye suche annexinge, lymptyng assignement and appoyntment made or to be made by oure sayde soueraygne Lorde and Lady the kyng and Queene, or by the heyres or Successours, of our sayde soueraygne Ladye the Quene, of any their honours, Castelles, Lordeshyppes, manours, landes, tenementes, and hereditamentes, vnto the sayde Duchy of Lancaster, by any their said letters patentes, vnder the greates Scale of Englande shalbe as good and auaylable as yf it were done by auctoritie of parlyament.

And that all such honoures, casteles, lordeshyppes, mannours landes, Tenementes and hereditaments lyng and being within the said cou

the palentyne of Lancaster, whych shall happen to be vnited and annexed to the sayd Duchy by force of any such letters patentcs, shal frō the test of the sayd letters patentcs, within the order, surueye rule gouernaunce iurisdiction lettynge and settynge of the sayd Duchy of Lancaster, for the tyme being as other the possessions of the sayde Duchye, lying and being within the sayd countye palentyne of Lancaster haue vled and owen to be. And that all other honoures, casteles, lordshippes manoures, landes tenementes and hereditamentes lying and beyng out of the sayd countie palentyne of Lancaster, whych shall happen to be vnited, and annexed to the sayde Duchy by force of any such letters patentcs, shalbe from the test of the sayd letters patentcs within the order surueye rule gouernaunce iurisdiction, lettynge and settynge of the sayd Duchy of Lancaster, as others the possessions of the sayde Duchye of Lancaster, lying and being out of the sayd countye palentyne, of Lancaster, haue vled and owen to be. Sauynge to all and euery person and personnes bodyes politike and corporate, their heires successours and assignes, and to their heires Successours and assignes, of euery of the all such ryght tytles interest, entres, conditions occupations possession lease & leases, fees, annuities offyces, rentes, seruices commons, profytes, commodities, casements, accions, Sutes, demaundes, thing & thinges, whatsoeuer whych they or any of the should might or ought to haue had into or out of any the premysse before the makynge of this acte in like & in the same maner fourme & condition to al intentes constructions & purposes, as yf this acte had neuer bene had or made, any thinge in this acte to the contrary in any wise notwithstanding.

Provyded alwayes and be it enacted by thautozitie aforesaide, y this acte or any thyng or thinges therein cōteined shal not in any wise extend to enhance or gyue any libertie to our said soueraigne lord and ladye the kynge and quene nor to the heires and successours of our sayd soueraygne lady y Quene to vnit & annex to the saide Duchy of Lancaster, by their letters patentcs any honours, castels lordshippes, manours landes, tenementes, or hereditaments, being any part or percel of the auncient inheritaunce of the crowne, or of y principalltie of wales or of the Duchy of Cornewall, or of the Earledome of Chester, or anye their honours, casteles, lordshippes, manours, landes tenementes or hereditamentes set lying or being within the counties of Chester and Flynt, or either of them nor to geue annex or assigne to the said Duchy of Lancaster, any honours casteles, lordshippes, manours, landes tenementes or hereditaments, exceding and amounting in the hole aboue the yerely valewe of two thousand poundes, any clause article or thing in this acte rehearsed conteyned or specified to the contrary thereof in any wise notwithstanding.

An acte for the continuacion of certayne statutes.

The .xxi. Chapter.



Here in the parliamente begonne and holden at London the thyrde daye of Nouember in the .xxi. yere of the raygne of our most dreade soueraygne lord of most famous memorye kynge Henry the eyghte, and from thence adiourned to Westminster, and there holden and continued by dyuerse prorogacions vnto the dissolution thereof, one act was made and establisshed for the restraynte of cariage and conueyinge of horses and mares oute of thys Realme, and also one other acte was there made for the true windinge of wolles, and one other acte was there made to restrayne kyllyng of wainlynges, bullockes, stiers, and heifers, being vnder the age of two yeres, whych sayde seuerall actes were then made to endure and contynue vnto the nexte Parlyamente, as by the sayde seuerall actes more playnely appeareth. And where also in the same parliament one other acte was made and establisshed for attayntes to be sued for the punishmente of periurpe vpon vntrewe verdyctes, whych he actes laste before rehearsed were then made and ordeyned to continue and endure to the laste day of the next parliament as by the same acte more playnely at large is shewed and may appeare.

And where also in the parliament begonne & holden at Westminster the .viii. daye of June, in .xxviii. yere of the raygne of oure sayde most dreade soueraygne lord kynge Henry the eyght, and there continued and kept vntyll the dissolution thereof. It was ordeined and enacted that all and singuler the sayde actes aboue remembred & euery of them should continue and endure in theyr force & strength and also be obserued & kept vntyll the last day of h next parliament, as by the same act amonges other thinges therein cōteyned more playnely appereth.

And wher also in the parliament begon & holden at Westminster h .xxviii. day of Apryl in h .xxxi. yere of h reigne of our said late most drede soueraygne lord kynge Henry the .viii. & there cōtinued vntil the .xxviii. day of June then next solowynge, it was ordeyned & enacted by thaurctozitie of the same parliauent that al & singuler the sayd seuerall actes aboue remembred, & euery of them and al clauses, articles, and prouisions in them and euery of the cōteyned should continue & indure in theyr force & strength & also be obserued & kept vntyll the laste day of h next parliament as by the same act amonges other thinges therein cōteyned more playnely appeareth. And where in h parliament holdē at Westminster in the .xxv. yere of h reygne of our said late soueraigne lord kynge Henry h .viii., one acte was made for h preferuatiō of wods

to endure for seven yeares, then next following, and from thence to the ende of the next parliament, as by the same acte more playnely doth and may appeare.

And where also at the parliament holden at westminster in the xxxvii. yeare of the raygne of the sayd late kyng Henry the eighth, and there continued and kept vntyl the dissolution thereof, It was ordeyned and enacted that all and singuler the sayde actes aboue mentyoned & euery of them (excepte the sayd acte made for the preservation of woodes, as is aforesayde) shoulde continue and indure in theyr force and strength and also to be obserued and kept vntil the last day of the next parliament then nexte followinge, as by the same Acte amonges other thynge therein conteyned more playnely appeareth.

And where also at the session of the parliament ended at westminster the. xiiii. day of March, in the thyrde yeare of the taigne of our late soueraygne lord kyng Edward the fyrst, one acte was made for the true courrying of leather, whych acte was made to indure to the end of the next parliament as by the same acte more playnely appeareth. And where also at the session of a parliament ended at westminster the fyrst day of february in the fourth yere of the raygne of oure sayde late soueraygne lord kyng Edward the fyrst, one acte was then and there made concernynge the byng of rother beastes, and also one other acte was then and there made touchynge the byng and sellynge of butter and chese, whiche sayde seuerall actes were then and there made to endure and continue to the ende of the nexte parliamente, as by the same seuerall actes more at large doth and may appeare.

And where also at the session of a parliament by proroagation holden at westminster the. xiiii. day of Januarye in the fyfte yeare of the raygne of our sayd late soueraygne lord kyng Edward the fyrst, one other acte was then and there made agaynst regratoures and forstalers, to endure to the ende of the nexte parliamente, whiche all and singuler the sayde actes aboue mentioned together wyth the sayde acte concernynge the preservation of woodes, at a parliament holden at westminster the fyfte daye Marche in the seuen the yeare of the raygne of our sayde Soueraygne Lord kyng Edward the fyrst, and there continued and dissolved the laste daye of the same moneth of Marche, and all clauses articles and prouisyons in them, & euery of them conteyned were there reuyned and continued to stand in theyr force and strength vntill the laste daye of the next parliament.

And where also at the session of a parliament holden by proroagation at westminster the. xiiii. daye of October in the fyfte yere of the raygne of our mooste gracious Soueraygne Ladye the Queenes Maiestie, and there continued and kept vntill the dissolution thereof, one

one acte was there made and establiſhed agaynſt vnlawefull and rebellious aſſembles, to endure to the ende of the next parliament as by the ſame acte more playnely doth and may appeare. And wher alſo at the ſame Seſſion of parliament laſt before mentioned, all and ſynguler the actes aboue mentioned and before that tyme continued at ſondrye parlamentes as is aforeſayd, and all claues artycles and prouiſions in them and euery of them conteyned, were there reuiued and continued to ſtand in their force and ſtrength vnto the laſt day of the next parliament.

And where alſo at the Seſſion of a parliament begon and holden at Weſtmiſter the .xii. day of Nouember in the fyrſt and ſecond pers of the reygnes of our moſt gracious Soueraygne Lorde and Ladye, the kyng and Queenes Maieſties, and there continued and kepte to the diſſolution of the ſame, beyng the .xvi. daye of Januarie then nexte enſuing, one acte was then and there made agaynſt ſedicious wordes and rumors to endure to the ende of the next parliament as by ſame acte more playnely doth and may appeare. And where alſo in the ſayd parliament laſt before recited, al and ſynguler the actes aboue mentioned that were before that tyme continued at ſondrye parlamentes, as is aforeſayd, & all claues articles and prouiſions in them and euery of them conteyned were by aucthoritie of the ſayd parliament ther reuiued and continued to ſtande in their force and ſtrengthe vnto the laſt day of the next parliament.

Foraſmuch as al and ſynguler the ſayde ſeuerall Actes aboue mentioned, be good and beneficiall for the Common wealthe of thys Reahne. Be it therefore enacted ordeyned and eſtabliſhed by the king and Queenes Maieſties, oure Soueraygne Lorde and Ladye wpyth the aſſent of the lordes ſpiritual and temporal, and the comunones of this preſente parliamente aſſembled and by th aucthoritie of the ſame, that all and ſynguler the ſayd ſeuerall actes and estatutes aboue mentioned and rehearſed, and euery of them, and all claues, artycles, and prouiſions in them and euery of them conteyned, ſhalbe reuiued continued ſtand and endure in their full force and ſtrength, to all intentes, conſtructions and purpoſes, and ſhalbe obſerued and kepte in al thynges vntyll the laſt day of the next parliament.

An acte for the confirmation of a Subſedye
graunted by the Clergye.

¶ The .xxii. Chappter.

¶ C.iii.

where



Here the prelates and clergye of the prouynces of Caunterburpe, and Dorke haue most louingly and liberally for certayne considerations them mouyng giuen and graunted to the kyng and quenes Maiesties a Subfedy of fyre shyllinges of the pounde to be taken and leuyed of all and synguler their spirituall promotions within the same seuerall prouynces within the terme of thre yeares, now next ensuing in such certen maner and fourme, and with diuers exceptions and prouisions specified and conteyned in a certayne instrument by them thereof made and deliuered vnto the Quenes maiestie, as in the same instrument exhibited also in this present parliament moze playnely doth appeare, the tenor whereof ensueth in these wordes.

The prelates and clergye of the prouynces of Caunterburpe, and Dorke, being lawefully congregated and assembled in a synode upon greate and weyghtye causes to them purposed and amonge the same well wayed and debated, considering their most bonnden dueties to the kyng and quenes Maiesties, and howe great and ample benefites they haue receyued of their munificens and bounteful goodnes for an euident declaration of their good hartes & myndes, in remembraunce of the sayd benefytes with one vnifourne agrement accorde and consent, and to gither with most hartly goodes wiles haue geuen & graunted, and by these presentes do gyue and graunt to the kyng & quenes Maiesties one Subfedy in maner and fourme folowyng. That is to saye, that euery Archbyschoppe, Byschoppe, Deane, Archdeacon, Prebendarie, Priouste, mayster of Colledges, mayster of Hospitales, person, bycar and euery other person & persones of whatlouer name, or degree he or they be, enioying any spirituall promotion, or other temporal possessions to the same spiritual promotions annexed, now not deuoyded nor seperated by acte of parliamente, or otherwyle from the possession of the clergye, shall paye to the kyng and Quenes highnes for euery pounde that he or they may yearely dispende by reason of the sayd Spirituall promotion the summe of fyre shyllinges. And for the true and certayne knowledge of the yearely valewe of the sayde promotions and euery of them, wherof paymente shalbe made, the rate taration valuation and estimation remaynyng of recorde in the king and Quenes maiesties late Countes of the first frutes and tenthes, & now in their courte of the chequer for the payment of the Disme of the Clergye, concernyng all suche promotions as be in possession of the Clergye, or any other not deuoyded by acte of parliament or otherwile as is aforesayd, shalbe folowed and obserued without makynge any other valuation, rate, taration or estimation then in the sayd record is compysed and mentioned,

Provided

Provyded alwayes, that forasmuch as the tenth parte of the sayd valuation and tare afore mentioned, shalbe for a tyme vpon certayne reasonable considerations and respectes yeaerlye payde by the sayd Clergye, so that there remayneth onely nyne partes to the incumbent clere, thys Subsidye of Syre shyllinges of the ponde shalbe vnderstande and ment onely of the sayde nyne partes, and of no moze.

Also the sayde prelates and Clergye, further doo graunte, that thys Subsidye of Syre shyllinges of the ponde, of the yeaerlye value of euery promotion taxed as is aforesayd, shalbe payde to the king and quenes Maiesties, within thre yeaeres next ensuing the date here of, that is to saye, two shyllinges of euery ponde, in euery of the said three yeaeres, the first payment thereof to be due at the first day of October next ensuing, whych shalbe in the yeaere of our Lord God a thousand fyue hundredes fyfty and fyve, and the seconde payment thereof to be due in the first daye of October then nexte folowynge, whych shalbe in the yeaere of our Lord God a thousand fyue hundredes fyfty & Seuen, the thyrde and last payment thereof to be due at the sayde first day of October, whych shalbe in the yeaere of our Lord God, a thousande fyue hundredes fyfty and eghte, to be deliuered and payde yeaerlye by such person and persones, as in this present graunt shalbe appointed to haue the collection thereof, to be payde into the receypte of the kyng and Quenes Maiesties exchequer, or to such persone or persons, place or places, to whom and where it shal please their highnes to appointe for the receypte thereof, befoze or at the last day of January in euery of the sayde three yeaeres, without paying any thyng to the receauour or receyours by theyr maiesties, to be assigned for any dyschardge, acquitaunce, or *quiers es*, vpon payment and receypte, of the same subsidy, to be geuen and deliuered, but onelye twelue pence, for their acquitaunce,

Item the sayd prelates and Clergye also do graunt, that euery preist, and all other spirituall persons, hauynge a pension by reason of the dissolution of any the late monasteries, Colledges, free Chappels Chaunteries, fraternities, guildes and hospytalles, or of anye other spirituall dignitie and corporation, nowe dysolued and extinguisshed within any of the sayd prouynces, shall lykewys pay to their hyghnes fyre shyllinges of euery ponde. of the sayd pencions within the sayd three yeaeres, at suche dayes and tymes, as is befoze specified, and for the sure and asserayned payment thereof, a deduction or rectention, of the sayd fyre shyllinges shalbe made yeaerlye in the handes of the payers, of the sayd pension after the propoztyon of two shyllinges of the ponde euery of the said three yeaeres to be deliuered and payde vnto theyr maiesties vse at such tyme and to such persons as the said subsidy of Syre shyllinges of the ponde aforesaid shal be payde vnto.

G.iii.

Item



Here the prelates and clergye of the prouynces of Caunterburpe, and Dorke haue most louingly and liberally for certayne considerations them mouyng giuen and graunted to the kyng and quenes Maiesties a Subsidy of fyre shyllinges of the pounce to be taken and leuyed of all and synguler their spirituall promotions within the same seuerall prouynces within the terme of three yeares, nowe next ensuynge in such certen maner and fourme, and with diuers exceptions and prouisions specified and conteyned in a certayne instrument by them thereof made and deliuered vnto the Quenes maiestie, as in the same instrument exhibited also in this present parliament moze playnely doth appeare, the tenor whereof ensueth in these wordes.

The prelates and clergye of the prouynces of Caunterburpe, and Dorke, being lawefully congregated and assembled in a synode upon greate and weyghtye causes to them purposed and amonge the same wel wayed and debated, considering their most bonnden dueties to the kyng and quenes Maiesties, and howe great and ample benefites they haue receyued of their munificens and bounteful goodnes for an euident declaration of their good hartes & myndes, in remembraunce of the sayd benefytes with one unifoyme agreement accorde and consent, and to gither with most hartty goodes wiles haue geuen & graunted, and by these presentes do gyue and graunt to the kyng & quenes Maiesties one Subsidy in maner and fourme folowynge. That is to saye, that euery Archbyschoppe, Byschoppe, Deane, Archdeacon, Prebendarie, Priouste, mayster of Colledges, mayster of Hospytalles, person, bycar and euerye other person & persones of whatsoeuer name, or degree he or they be, enioying any spirituall promotion, or other temporal possessions to the same spirituall promotions annexed, nowe not deuyded nor seperated by acte of parliamente, or otherwyle from the possession of the clergye, shall paye to the kyng and Quenes highnes for euery pounce that he or they may yearely dispende by reason of the sayd Spirituall promotion the summe of fyre shyllinges. And for the true and certayne knowledge of the yearely valewe of the sayde promotions and euery of them, whereof paymente shalbe made, the rate taxation valuation and estimation remainyng of recoorde in the king and Quenes maiesties late Courtes of the first frutes and tenthes, & nowe in their courte of the chequer for the payment of the Disine of the Clergye, concernyng all suche promotions as be in possession of the Clergye, or any other not deuyded by acte of parliament or otherwyle as is aforesayd, shalbe folowed and obserued without makynge anye other valuation, rate, taxation or estimation then in the sayd record is compysed and mentioned,

Provided

Provyded alwayes, that forasmuch as the tenth parte of the sayd valuation and taxe afore mentioned, shalbe for a tyme vpon certayne reasonable considerations and respectes yearelye payde by the sayd Clergye, so that there remayneth onely nyne partes to the incumbent clere, thys Subledye of Syxe shyllinges of the pounde shalbe vnderstande and ment onely of the sayde nyne partes, and of no more.

Also the sayde prelates and Clergye, further doo graunte, that thys Subledye of Syxe shyllinges of the pounde, of the yearelye value of euery promotion taxed as is aforesayd, shalbe payde to the king and quenes Maiesties, within thre yeares next ensuing the date here of, that is to saye, two shyllinges of euery pounde, in euery of the said three yeares, the first payment thereof to be due at the first day of October next ensuing, whych shalbe in the yeare of our Lord God a thousand fyue hundreded fyfty and syxe, and the seconde payment thereof to be due in the first daye of October then nexte folowynge, whych shalbe in the yeare of our Lord God a thousand fyue hundreded fyfty & Seuen the thyrde and last payment thereof to be due at the sayde first day of October, whych shalbe in the yeare of our Lord God, a thousande fyue hundreded fyfty and eghte, to be delyuered and payde yearelye by such person and persones, as in this present graunt shalbe appointed to haue the collection thereof, to be payde into the receypte of the kyng and Quenes Maiesties exchequer. or to such persone or persons, place or places, to whom and where it shal please their highnes to appointe for the receypte thereof, before or at the last day of January in euery of the sayde three yeares, without paying any thyng to the receauour or receyours by thei maiesties, to be assygned for any dyschardge, acquitaunce, or *quietus est*, vpon payment and receypte, of the same subledye, to be geuen and delyuered, but onelye twelue pence, for their acquitaunce,

Item the sayd prelates and Clergye also do graunt, that euery preist, and all other spirituall persons, hauynge a pension by reason of the dissolution of any the late monasteries, Colledges, free Chappels Chaunteries, fraternities, gylde and hospytalles, or of anye other spirituall dignitie and corporation, nowe dysolued and extinguisshed within any of the sayd prouynces, shall lykewys pay to their hyghnes syxe shyllinges of euery pounde. of the sayd pencions within the sayd three yeares, at suche dayes and tymes, as is before specified, and for the sure and asserayned payment thereof, a deduction or rectention, of the sayd syxe shyllinges shalbe made yearelye in the handes of the payers, of the sayd pension after the propoztyon of two shyllinges of the pounde euery of the said three yeares to be delyuered and payde vnto thei maiesties vse at such tyme and to such persons as the said subledye of Syxe shyllinges of the pounde aforesaid shal be payde vnto.

G.iiii.

Item

Item that every stipendary preist, receauynge annuall styppend of eyght poundes and vnder, being no perpetuity within the said prouynces shall pay vnto their Maiesties vse, fyve shyllinges eight pence yerely duryng the sayd three yeares at such tyme and to such persons as the sayde Subsedye shalbe payd, and vnder the same penalties, as the rest of the Clergye, do pay for their promotions. And y^e every preist receuynge aboue eyght poundes and not aboue ten poundes to pay lyke wyse tenne shyllinges. And that every preist receuynge aboue ten poundes, and not aboue twenty markes to paye thyrtyene shyllinges foure pence, yearely duryng the sayd three yeares, at such tyme and to such persones as the sayd subtedy shalbe payde. And that euery preist takynge styppende aboue twenty markes to pay likewise two shillings of the pounde euery yeare duryng the sayd three yeares, in such maner & fourme, as the rest of the clergy do pay for their promotions spirytual. And for Defaulte or lacke of payment thereof by the sayd stipendaryes, that every person bycar and other spirytual person hyrnyng any preist to serue in any place shalbe answerable for the paiement of y^e said preist in that behalfe after the sayd rates, and shal or may make retention of his or their wages quarterly, of so much as the sayd stipendary is charged wyth, by thys present confesseion and graunt euery of y^e said three yeares. Item the sayd prelates and Clergye further do graunt y^e every archbyshoppe and Byschope, and the Sea being vacaunt euery Deane and Chappyer of the Sea boyd, shalbe Collectours of this subtedy within their proper Dyocesse duryng the sayd three yeares.

And to thintent the kyng and queenes Maiesties maye be surely and duely answered and payde of the sayd Subsedye in maner and fourme aforesayd, and the Collectours of the same, thoroughly charged and dyscharged accordyng to the tenor of thys graunt, the sayde prelates, and clergy do ordeyne and decree with one assent and consente that euery Collectour of the fozesayde Subtedy, and of euery part and percell thereof, and their lawefull deputye or deputies shal haue full power and auctoritie by the se presentes to procede agaynst euery person and persones leyable charged and bounde to pay the sayd Subsedye, or any parte or percell thereof denieng refusing or delayng to pay the same, or makynge anye defaulte in the paymente thereof, or anye parte thereof at the daye or dayes that it oughte to be payde, after lawefull warnynge to them giuen personallye or at their churches or mansyons, by the censures of the Church. That is to saye by suspension excommunication or interdiction, and also by sequestracion, of the fruytes and proffytes of their benefices, or promotions spirytual, and to make sale of the same fruytes, and all other remeys lawefull by their discretions, thought couenient, to correcte constrayne & compell them and euerye of them, to the full and vndelayde satisfyfaccion of the

the sayde Subsedye and euery parte and percell thereof, and shall also haue lyke power and aucthoritie bothe to absolue theym soo payinge, from all the sayde censures and other paynes, and also to releafe and reuoke all suche proseses as shall be made agaynste them or anye of them after they shall haue fullye satysfied the sayde Subsedye accordyngelye.

Provyded alwayes, and it is ordeyned and decreed, that all and euery person and persones refusynge or neglectynge to paye the sayde Subsedye at tyme conueniente as is aforesayde, shall for hys or there fyrst defaulte or neglygence in not payinge the Subsedye accordinge to the purpose and tenour of thys graunt beare all the charges and reasonable expences of the sayd Collectour or his deputie in comming goynge, and demaundyng of the same, and for the seconde tyme lyke- wyse offendynge in none payment, to paye to the sayd Collectour or his deputie the fourthe parte of the sayde Subsedye, ouer and aboue the sayde Summe vpon hym or hys churche, or personne allotted and tared, whyche he is bounde to paye and charged by thys acte of free graunt.

Also the sayd Brelates and Clergye do further ordeyne and decre that yf anye person or persones aboue named chargeable to this Sub sedy or any parte thereof, after the sayd censures and processe executed agaynst hym or them, yet styll obstinately refuse neglecte or make delay, to pay the same or any part therof (as is beforesayd) that they after lawefull monicion geuen vnto hym or them, so refusynge, neglecting or delaying, by the sayd Collectours or there lawefull deputy or deputies personallye or at there churches, do styll by the space of thyrtye daies, refuse or neglecte to make payment of the sayde Subsedye, that then and in euerye such case, it shalbe lawefull to the sayde Collectour or hys lawefull deputie, euery such person so refusynge, neglectynge or delay- yng and contempnyng the sayd former proseses, to depriue, amoue, and destitute from his or their benefytes, spirituall promotion or pen- sion ecclesiasticall, anye apellation, or inhibition or other remedye ordinarie or extraordynarie not withstandynge, the sayde person soo refusynge, to be and remaine for euer without hope of regresse to such the promotion as he or they shalbe depriued of for the causes aforesayd by any newe presentation of hym or them to be made to the same, and that it shalbe lawefull to the patrone of the sayd benefyce or benefices or other ecclesiastical promotions, from whych the sayd person or per- sones soo neglectynge to paye shalbe depriued, to presente vnto euerye suche benefice or promotion spirituall as yf the sayde incumbent or in- cumbentes were deceased.

Item the sayde Clergye further do ordeyne and decree, that of soo muche as the Collectdures shalbe charged woth, in their accomptes clearelye

clearly to be payde into the receipt of the sayde Erchequer, or to such person or persones, as it shal please the kynge & Quenes maiesties to appoynte for the receypte of the same, shalbe allowed to the saide collector vpon his sayde accompt for the same for euery pounce sixe pence by way of rewarde or in lieu of his charges, collection, portage, and conueying and paying of the sayd Subsidye.

Prourded alwayes, that no spirituall promotion or any landes, possessions or reuenues, annexed to the same, beyng charged by thys graunt or acte of the prouynces of Caunterburie and Yorke, or any goodes or catteles growyng, beyng, or renuyng of the same, or apperteynyng to the owners of the sayde spirituall promotions shalbe charged or made contributorye to any fiftene, or any other Subsidye already graunted to the kynge and Quenes byghnes of the laye fee, or hereafter to be graunted durynge the tearme of the sayde three yeares.

Item the sayde Bishopes and clergie further graunt, that euerye of the newe erected byshoppes, deanes, prebendaries, peticanones, and preachers, shalbe charged wyth thys Subsidye for their owne portions onely thereof to paye fyre shyllynges of the pounce, wythin the sayde three yeares as is aboue rehearsed of other byshopes and spirituall persones, and those portions of rentes and reuenues, whiche theyr byghnes or anye of their mooste noble progenitours haue geuen vnto them for the mayntenaunce of poore men, scholeraisters, vllhers gramarians, choristers, and other offycers or ministers, not to be charged with any parte of this Subsidye.

Prourded also that euerye parson, vicar, or other spirituall man, payinge anye pension whereof none allowaunce is made, in the valuation of his sayde benefyce in the recordes of the sayde late courte of fyfte frutes or Erchequer, shall and maye retayne two shyllynges of euery pounce of euery such pension, euery yeare durynge the sayde three yeares, to his owne releife in consideration that he is charged to pay his Subsidye of fyre shyllynges of the pounce out of euery pounce of the sayde nine partes of hys promotion.

Prourded also, that wher certayne landes, tenementes, rentes tythes, pencions, portions, frutes, and other hereditamentes, lately belongynge to dyuers cathedrall churches, or to other places ecclesiasticall wythin the sayde prouynces of Caunterburie and Yorke, whiche were geuen and assigned to be bestowed and spente to and vpon the fyndynge and mayntenaunce of certayne Chaunteryes, anniuersaries, obittes, lyghtes, lampes, and other lyke thynges, contents and purposes, be of late come into the handes and possessions of the kynge and Quenes maiesties our soueraygne Lorde and Lady by force of a Statute thereof, made in the fyft yeare of the raygne of our

oure late Soueraygne Lorde kyng Edward the Sixt, as by the said statute moze playnely appeareth, that the sayde cathedrall churches, and the Deanes or presydenes, and chappytours of the same, & al other places and persones to whom the sayd landes rentes and al other the premysse, or any of the did lately appertayne, shal not be charged to & with any contribution or payment of thys Subledye, of and for that parte or portion whereunto to the kyng & Quenes hyghnes be & haue bene intituled or possessed of. But that this sayd subledye shalbe vnder stand to be cheargeable and deuue onely of all and singuler Landes, tenementes rentes, tythes, pencions, portions, frutes and other hereditamentes, whych do yet styll remaine not disseuered from the hands and possession of the sayd Cathedrall Churches, and other the places & persones aforesayd, and that deduction & allowaunce be made to the and euery of the in the sayde paymente of the Subledye, out of the hole valuation taration and estimation made for the payment of the sayde disine remainyng of record, in the kyng and Quenes Maiesties court of Cherchequer, for that rate and portion which is come to the hands and possession of our sayd late soueraygne Lorde or otherwyle seuered from the possessions of the sayd Cathedrall Churches, and other places and persones aforesayde, by force of the statute promysed.

Prouryded also that euery person and bycar whose benefyce is aboue the valuation of fyue pounde and not aboue sixe pounde thyr tene shyllinges foure pence, after the rate of the late perpetual tenthe, shall pay euery yeare of the sayde thyr yeares onely fyre shyllinges. viii pence as the sayd stipendaryes do and not otherwyle.

And that al persones and bycares whose benefices be of the valuation of fyue pounde or vnder after the rate of the sayde late perpetual tenthe, shall not be charged or chargeable with this subledye or any parte thereof.

Prouryded alwayes that thys Subledye, graunted by the clargye shall not be demaunded or leuyed out of any benefyce house of studentes or Colledge situate or set within the vniuersities of Oxforde & Cambridge, or of any benefices or other reuenues vnto anye house of studentes, or Colledge of Oxforde and Cambyrdge vnited appropriate or appartaynyng, or of the Colledge of Eton, nyghe wyndesoure or of the Colledge of winchester, founded by William Wykeham som tyme Bysshope of Wynechester, or of anye poore men, women or chyl dren liuing of almes in any hospytalles, almes houses, almes halles, or of any gramer scooles, or of any other Church, or benefices or of any other reuenues of the sayd houses, Colledges, Hospytalles almes howses, or almes hales, or gramer scholes to anye of them annexed appropriate or otherwyle appertayning.

Prouryded also that euery preist and other late professed religious

gious persons, hauing a pention by reason of the dissolution of the late monasteries, Colledges, fre Chappels, Chauntries, fraternities, guilds and hospitaues or anye other incorporations, within the prouynces of Caunterbury and Bozke, or any of them, and being of the summe of fourty shyllynges, or vnder, and not aboue, shal not be charged, or chargeable to the sayde Subsedye, or any parte thereof for any such pention of fourty shyllynges, or vnder, any thyng contened in this graunt to the contrary notwithstanding.

Item the sayd prelates and clergye, being desirous that the sayde subsedye may be entierly contented and payde to thuse of þe king and quenes maiesties, within the sayd thre yeares, do graunt ordeine and decre, that yf it shal happen in the ende of the sayde thre yeares, any arerages of the sayd subsedye to be behind vnpayde, by reason of therilite or decaye of any benefyce or other spirituall promotion, leuable to thys subsedye, that then it shalbe lawefull to euery Archbysshop and Bysshoppe within their seuerall dyocesse, by the counsaile of hys clergye, and the sea beyng voyde, to the Deane and Chapproure of þe see voyde, to asseesse and take all and singuler the ecclesiastycall promotions, within their sayd seuerall dyocesse, to become contrybutores to the full satiffaction of the sayde subsedye, the same to be collected leuied and payde the next yeare immediately ensuing the said thyrde yeare at the dayes and vnder the paynes fourme and qualites aboue limited. Any thyng in thys graunt to the contrary notwithstanding.

And for the true and sure payment of this subsedye, graunted by the sayd prelates and clergye of the prouynces of Caunterbury and Bozke, accordyng to the tenor purport effect and true meaning of this present instrument, the sayd prelates and clergye most humble desyre and requyre the kyng and the quenes most excellent maiesties that it may be enacted by auctoritie of this present parliament, that the provisions conteyned in the foresayd graunt shal stand good and effectual to al intentes and purposes, mentioned in the saide graunte. And þe all procelles and penalties, and al other clauses touchyng the paiement of the sayd subsedye, and the leuying and collection of the same, and of euery percell thereof, may be by the sayd prelates and Clergye & the laweful deputies put in due execution, accordyng to the true mening thereof, without incurrng any penalties or daungers of anye lawes or statutes of this Realme.

And for the true and sure payment of thys Subsedye graunted by the sayde prelates and clergy of the prouynces of Caunterbury and Bozke, accordyng to the tenor purport effect and true meaning of this present instrument.

Be it therefore enacted by the kyng & the quenes maiesties, with the assent of the Lordes spirituall and tempozall & the commons in this presente

present parliament assembled and by thauctozitie of the same; that the sayd gyfte and graunt, and euery matter, summe of monye, clause and sentence in the sayd instrument conteyned be ratified establisshed and confirmed by thauctozitie aforesayde.

AND furthermore be it enacted by thauctozitie aforesayde, that euery person that shalbe appointed to the collection and gathering of the sayd subledye, shall haue full power and aucthoritie to leuie take & perceyue the same Subledye, by aucthoritie of the censures, of the churche, in maner and fourme as in the sayd instrument of graunte is conterned, without daunger of the lawes of thys realme, or by dystresse vppon the possession of the fermours or occupiers of the landes, and tenementes, chargeable by the sayd instrument, for or to the paiement of any summe or summes of money, or otherwyle by the dyscretion of the Collectoure thereof, and that no repleuie prohibition or *superfess deas* shall be allowed or obeyed for any person or persones makynge default of payment of the sayd Subledye, contrarpe to the tenor of the grauntes thereof vntyll such tyme as they haue truely satiffyed and contented all such parte and portions as to them in that behalfe appertayneth. And that euery such fermoure & fermoures their executours and assynges that shall fortune hereafter to be charged to and wyth the payment of the sayde Subledye, or any parte thereof, shall by thauctozitie aforesayde be allowed and retayne in his handes as much of his yerely rent and ferme as the summe whych he shall fortune to pay for his Lorde or Leassor shall extende vnto, excepte the sayde fermor or fermours their executours and assynges, by the lease and graunt & they haue of anye parte of the landes and tenementes chargeable to thys Subledye, or by force of any couenaunt or article therein conteyned, be bounden & charged to pay the same, & thereof to dyscharge their leassor and landlorde durynge the terme mentioned in theyr sayd lease.

PROVIDED alwayes and be it enacted by thauctozitie of thys present parliament, that euery laye person haupng a spirituall promotion chargeable by this acte, and also haupng temporall possessions goodes, Cattelles, and debtes chargeable to this subledye graunted by the temporaltie, shall be charged taxed and set for his said spiritual promotions with the clergye, and for his sayd temporall possessions & catteles, with the temporaltie and not otherwyle. Any thing afoze mentioned to the contrary notwithstanding.

AND be it further enacted by thauctozitie aforesayde, that the said Archbysshopes and Bysshopes, and other persones chargeable to and wyth the collection of the sayde Subledye of Syre shyllynge of the pounde, wythin the sayd Prouynces of Caunterburpe, and Bozke shall haue vpon euery paymente thereof made in the queenes Courte of the xchequer, or els where y^e king & y^e Quenes maiesty shall appoint y^e

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same to be payde a sufficient acquitaunce in wytyng of such person or persones as their maiesties shall appoynt for the receypte thereof, the same acquitaunce to certifie the same receypt of as much of the same summe of the same Subsidye as shalbe by anye of them so receyued, & every such acquitaunce in wytyng, sealed and subscribed wyth the name or names of every such person or persones, that so by their hyghness appoyntment shall receyue any of the sayde summes of money shalbe as good and effectual in the lawe, and also a sufficient discharge to all intentes constructions and purposes, as yf it were made by acte of parliament, and that every person and persones, whiche shall haue and receyue any such acquitaunce, shal pay but onely two pence for every of the same acquitaunce.

An acte of a Subsidye graunted to the kyng and the queenes
Maiesties by the Temporalltye.

The xxiii. Chaptyer.



¶ The Lordes and commons in this presente parliamente assembled, the kyng and Queenes Maiesties most loyng and obediente subiectes, callinge to oure remembraunce, the great and sondre benefytes, whiche we haue manye wayes receaved at their maiesties mooste gratyous handes, and consideringe also besydes, the great debtes, wherewith the imperiall crowne of thys realme was charged, when it pleased almyghtye God, fyrst to call the Queenes maiestie to the gouernaunce of the same, the gre at intollerable charges, wherewith her maiestie hath bene manye wayes burdened. For some declaration of oure mooste bounden dueties, with one assent, and confēt, by auctoritie of this present parliament, doo geue and graunt, to the kyng and Queenes maiesties, their heyres and successors, kynges of thys realme, one entyre Subsidye, to be rated, taxed, leuyed, and payed, at two seuerall paymēts of euerye person, spirituall and temporall, of what estate, or degree he or they be, accordyng to the tenure of thys acte, in maner and fowrme folowynge, that is to saye, aswell of euerye person, borne within thys realme of England, Wales, or other the kyng and Queenes domynions, as of all, and euerye fraternitie, gnylde, corporation, mysterpe, brotherhead, and commynaltie, corporated, or not corporated, wythin this

this realme of England, Wales, or other þ kyng & quenes Dominions, being worth .v. pounds. & vnder ten poundes, for euery pound aswel in coigne, & the value of euery poind, þ euery such persō, fraternitie, guild corporation mysterie, brotherhed, & cominaltie, corporate or not corporate, hath of his or their owne, or any other, to his or their vse, as also plate, stocke of marchandizes, al maner of corne & blades, houshold stuffe, & of all other goodes moueable, as well wthin the realme, as wythout, & of all such summes of money as to him & the is or shalbe owing wherof he or they trust in his or theyr consciences surelye to be payde, except and out of the premysles deducted suche summes of mōneye as he or they owe and in his or their conscience truely intendeth to paye, And excepte also the appatell of such personnes theyr wyues and chyl dren belongynge to theyr owne bodyes, sauynge Jewelles golde Syluer stone and pearle, eyght pence of and for euerye pounce to, and for the fyrste payment of the sayde Subsedye, and to and for the seconde payment other eight pence of euery pounce. And also of euerye person boine vnder the Kyng and Queenes obeysaunce, and all and euerye corporation fraternitie gylde mysterie brotherhead, and comminaltie, corporate and not corporate, being worthe tenne poundes in goodes as is afoze specified, and vnder the value of twenty poundes, shal pay to, and for the fyrst payment of the sayde Subsedye twelue pence, and to and for the second payment, other twelue pence of euery pounce And lyke wyse euery person and persones, boine vnder the kyng and Queenes obeysaunce, and euerye corporation fraternitie gylde mysterie brotherhed and comminalty corporate and not corporate, being worth in goodes as is afoze sayde, twenty poundes, and soe by wardes in goodes as is befoze sayde, shal paye to and for the fyrste payment of the sayde Subsedye fyrtene pence and to and for the seconde payment other fyrtene pence of euerye pounce. And also of euerye alien and straunger boine oute of the kyng and Queenes obeysaunce as well denizen as othet, inhabytyng wthin this realme, of euerye pounce that he or they haue in cōyngne, and the value of euerye pounce in plate corne grayne marchandise houshold stuffe, or other goodes, Jewels Cattle, moueable or vnmoueable, as is afoze sayde as well wthin thys realme as wythoute, and of all summes of money to hym or them owing, wherof he or they trust in his or their conscience or consciences to be payde excepte and of the same premysles deducted euerye such summe, or summes of mōneye whyche he or they doo owe and in his or theyr conscience or consciences entende truely to paye, of and for euerye pounce, to fyue poundes to and for the fyrst paymente of the sayde Subsedye, eyght pence, and to & for the seconde paymente of the sayde Subsedye other eyght pence of euerye pounce. And lyke wyse of, and for fyue pounce, and for euerye

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pounde, from five poundes to tenne poundes, to and for the fyrste pay-
ment of the sayde Subledye, twelue pence, and to and for the seconde
payment of the sayde Subledye, other twelue pence of euerye pounde.
And of, and for tenne poundes to twenty poundes, to and for the first
payment of the sayde subledye .xviii. d. and to, and for the seconde pay-
ment of the sayd subledye, other, xviii. d. of euerye pounde. And of, and
for twenty poundes in goodes, as is before rehearsed, and so by ward,
to, and for the fyrst payment of the sayde Subledye two shyllinges, and
to, and for the second payment of the sayd Subledye, other two shyl-
lynges of euery pounde, And also that euerye alpen, and straunger
borne out of the kynge and Queenes dominions, being denizen, or not
denizen, not beyng contributoye to any of the rates abouesayd, shall
pay to, and for the firste paymente of the sayde Subledye foure pence
and to, and for the seconde payment of the sayd Subledye, other foure
pence for euerye polle. And the maister, or he or she, wyth whome the
same alpen is, or shalbe abydyng, at the tyme of the taxation, or taxa-
tions thereof, to be charged with the same, for lacke of paiement therof.

And be it further enacted by thauthortie aforesayde, that euery
person borne vnder the kyng: and Queenes obeyssaunce, and euerye
corporation, fraternitie, gylde, mistery, brotherhead, and comminalty
corporate, or not corporate, for euerye pounde that euerye of the same
person, and euerye corporation, fraternitie, gylde, mystery, brother-
head, and comminaltye, corporate or not corporate, or any other to his
or their ble hath in fee simple, fee tayle, for terme of lyfe, terme of yea-
res, by execution, wardshyppe or by copy of court rol, of or in any honors
Castels, manors landes, tenementes, rentes, seruices, heredytamen-
tes, annuities, fees, corrodies, or other yearly proffyttes, of the yerely
value of twenty shyllinges alwell within aunciente demayne and
other places privileged, as els where and so by wardes, shall paye to, or
for the fyrst paymente of the sayd Subledye, two shyllinges of, or for eue-
ry pounde, and to, and for the second payment of the sayde Subledye,
other two shyllinges, of and for euery pounde. And euery alien, borne
out of the kyng and quenes obeyssaunce, in such case to paye at eyther
of the sayd paymentes .iii. shyllinges of euery pounde, and that al sum-
mes, presented, or chargeable by this act, either for goodes or dettes, or
for landes and tenementes or other the premysles as is in this act con-
teyned and beyng no ful pounde shalbe at eyther of the sayde paymen-
tes sette and taxed after the rate and portion accor dyng to the trewe
meanynge of thys acte (landes and tenementes chargeable to the dyf-
mes of the clergye, and yearly wages due to seruauntes for theyr ye-
rely seruyce (other then the kyng or quenes seruauntes, takynge yere-
ly wages of fyue poundes or aboue) onely excepted, and forpyled)

And that al Plate Coygne, Jewels, Goodes Dettes and Cattels
personales

personales, beyng in the rule and custody of any person and persones to thuse of any Corporation, Fraternitie, Gylde, Mystery, Brotherhood, or any Comynalte, being corporate or not corporate, be and shal be rated, sette and charged, by reason of thys acte, as the value certified by the presenters of that certificat, to be sworne of euery pounce in goodes and dettes, as is abovesayde. And of euery pounce in Landes, Tenementes, Annuities, Fees, Corrodyes, or other yearly proffyttes as is abovesayde. And the summes that are before rehearsed set and taxed, to be leuyed & taken of them, that shall haue such goodes in custodye or otherwyle charged for landes as is before rehearsed.

And the same person, or persones and bodye corporate by thaurto rtyte of this acte shalbe discharged agaynst hym, or them that shall or oughte to haue the same at the tyme of the paymente, or deliuerie thereof, or at his otherwyle departure from the custodye or possession of the same. Except and alwayes forpyssed from the charge, and assessment of thys Subsedye, all Goodes, Cattlees, Jewells and Ornaments of Churches, and Chappelles whych haue bene ordeyned and vbled in Churches or Chappelles for the honor and seruyce of almyghty God. And the first payment of the sayd Subsedye, shalbe by thaurto ritie aforesayde taxed, assessed and rated accordyng to thys acte in euery Shere Rydyng, Lathe, Wapentake, Rape Cytie Boroughe Towne, and euery other place wythin thys Reahne of England and Wales, and other the kynges and Queenes Dominions, before the fyfte day of January next comynge. And the seconde paymente of the sayd Subsedye shalbe by thaurto ritie aforesayde taxed, assessed, & rated before the tenth daye of Marche, whych shalbe in the yere of oure Lorde god a thousande fyue hundredes fyfte and fyve. And the particuler summes of euery Shire, Rydyng, Boroughe, Towne, and other places aforesayd, with the particuler names of such as are chargeable for and to the sayd first payment of the sayde Subsedye, to be taxed and set by the Commyssioners, to the same limited, or two of the at the least with the names of the hygh Collectours. And in the same fourme shalbe certified in the kynges and quenes Exchequer before the first day of february next comynge, with the names of the hygh collectoures of the same. And the particuler summes of euery Shire riding boroughe towne and other places aforesayde with the particuler names of suche as are chargeable for and to the seconde paymente of the sayde Subsedye to be taxed and sette by commyssioners, to the same to be limited or two of them at the leaste with the names of the hygh Collectours and in the same fourme shalbe certified into the kinge and quenes Exchequer, before the fyrte daye of Apryll whiche shalbe in the yere of oure Lorde god a thousande fyue hundredes fyfte and seven with the names of the hygh collectors. And the sayde summes in

maner and fourme aforesayde, to be tared for the fyfte payment of the sayd Subledye, shalbe payed into the kyng and Queenes Receypte of the Exchequer aforesayde, to the yle of our sayde Soueraygne Lorde and Lady, before the fyfth day of March, next comynge; and the sayde summes in maner and fourme aforesaid to be tared for the second payment of the sayde Subledye, shalbe payed into the receypte aforesayd, to thuse aforesayde, before the twentye day of May which shalbe in the yere of our lorde God a thousand, fyve hundred, fyfte and tenen. And the summes abovesayd of and for the sayd Subledye shalbe tared, sette asked and demaunded, taken, gathered, leuyed and payde vnto thuse of our sayd Soueraygne Lorde and Lady, & theyres and successours of our sayd Soueraygne Lady, in fourme abovesaid, as well within the liberties, fraunchises, Sanctuaries auncient demayne, and other whatsoeuer place, exempte or not exempt, as wythout excepte such thynge, places and personnes, as shalbe forpysed in & by this present acte, anys graunte, charter, prescription yle or libertie, by reason of anye letters patentes or other priuiledge, prescription, allowance of the same or whatsoeuer other matter of dyscharge heretofore to the contrarye made, graunted, bled, or obeyned nor wythstandynge.

And it is further enacted by thautortie of thys present parlyament that euery such person, as well such as be borne vnder the kyng and queenes obeyssaunce, as euerys other persone straunger borne Denizen or not Denizen, enhabytynge within thys realme or wythin Wales, or other the kyng and queenes dominions whych at the tyme of the sayd assessynges or tarations, or of eyther of them, to be had, or made shall be oute of thys Realme and oute of Wales, and haue goodes or Cattelles, landes or Tenementes, fees, or Annuyties, or other proffyttes wythin thys Realme or in Wales, shall be charged and chargeable for the same by the certificate of the inhabytants of the parties where such Goodes, Cattelles, Landes Tenementes, or other the premysse then shalbe, or in such other place where such person or his factoure deputie or attorney shall haue hys most resort vnto wythin thys realme or in Wales, in lyke manner as yf the sayde person were or had bene at the tyme of the sayde assessynge, wythin thys realme. And that euery person abydynge or dwellynge wythin thys realme or wythoute thys realme, shalbe charged or chargeable to the same Subledye graunted by thys acte, accordynge and after the rate of such yearlye substaunce or value of landes, and tenementes, goodes, Cattels, and other the premysse as euery person so to be charged shal be set at in the tyme of the sayde assessynge or taxation vpon hym to be made and in none other wyse.

And furthermoze be it enacted by thautortie aforesayd, that
for

for the assessyng and or deryng of the sayd Subsidy to be duely hadde the lord Chauncelloz of Englande or the keper of the greate Seale, the Lord Tresurer of Englande, the Lord Stuarde of the kynge and Quenes maiesties householde, the Lord Presydent of the kynge and Quenes honorable counsell and the Lord Pryue Seale for the tyme beyng or two of them at the least, whereof the lord Chauncelloure of Englande, or keper of the greate seale, for the tyme beyng to be one, shall and maye name and appoynte, of and for euerye shyre and rydyng, and other places, aswell wythin thys realme as in Wales and other the kyng and quenes dominions, and also of, and for euerye Citie, and towne beinge a Countye in it selfe, and of and for the Isle of Weyght, such certayne number of persones of euery of the same Shyres, Rydynges, Lathes wapentakes, rapes, cities townes and Isle of Weyght, and euery other place and other the inhabytauntes of the same, to be commissiouners wythin the same, whercof they be inhabytauntes. And also of and for the honorable householde of the kyng and quenes maiesties, and the Ladye Elizabethes grace, and the lady Anne of Cleues, in what Shyres or other places the sayde householde shall happen then to be, and the lord Chauncelloure and other wyth hym before named in lyke maner, may name and appoynt of euerye other such Boroughe and towne Corporate, aswell in Englande, as in Wales, and other the kyng and Quenes dominions, as they shall thynke requysit. vi. v.iii. three, or two of the headdde officers and other sadde honest inhabytauntes of euerye of the sayde cities boroughe and townes corporate, accordyng to the number and multitude of people beyng in the same, the whych persones, yf anye such be therevnto named of the sayde inhabytauntes of the sayde boroughe, and townes corporate not beyng counties in them selues, shalbe ioyned and put in, as Commissiouners, wyth the persones named, for such Shyres, and Rydynges, as the sayde Boroughe and townes corporate not being countyes in them selues, be set & haue their being which persones so named, for and of the sayde boroughe, and townes corporate not beyng counties, by reason of theyr dwelling in the same, shal not take vpon them, ne none of them, to put any parte of their commissioun in execution for the premysses out of the sayde boroughe, & towne corporate, wherein they beyng so named onelye for the same be dwelling, and also not to execute the sayd commissioun within the boroughe or towne corporate where they be so dwelling, but at such daies and times as the sayd other commissiouners for the same shyre, and ridyng shall therevnto linyte and appoynte, wythin the same boroughe or towne corporate, not being countie corporate, whereof they so be, and not oute of such boroughe or towne, and in that maner to be ardyng & assystryng with the sayde other commissiouners in and for the good execu

tyng of the effect of the sayd cōmission, vpo payne of euery of the sayde commissioners so named, for euery such citie, borough, and to wone corporate, not beyng a countie, to make such fyne as the sayde other commissioners in the commission of, & for the sayd Shyre, or rydyng so named or thre of them at the lest, shal by their discretions, set and certifie into the kyng and Quenes Exchequer, there to be leuyed to the vse of the kyng and Quenes Maiesties, in lyke maner as such or lyke sumes had bene set and rated, vpon euery such person for the sayde Subsedye the whych commissioners so named, of & for the sayde citie, boroughes and townes, not being countiees & onely put in the sayde commission by reason of theyr dwellynge in the same, shall not haue any part of pporcion, of the fees, and rewarde of the commissioners, & there clerkes in thys acte afterwarde specified. And the lorde Chauncelloure of Englande, or keper of the kyng and quenes greete Seale, for the tyme beyng, shal make, and directe out of the courte of chauncery, vnder the kyng and quenes greete Seale, seuerall commissiōns, that is to say, to euery shyre, rydyng, Lathie, wapentake, Rape, citie, Towne, Borough, Isle, and householde vnto such person, and persones, as by his discretion, and other wyth hym aforesaid & appoynted in lyke maner and forme as is afore rehearsed, shalbe thoughte sufficiente, for the lessyng and leuynge of the sayde Subsedye, in all shyres & places accordyng to the true meanyng of thys acte, whych cōmission for the fyrst payment of the sayde Subsedye, shalbe directed and deliuered to the sayd commissioners, or to one of them, before the fyrst day of December next commyng. And the commissiōn for the second payment of the sayd Subsedye shalbe directed and deliuered to the sayde cōmissioners or one of them, before the fyrst day of februarye, whych shalbe in the yere of our lorde god, a thousand syue hundred syfty and syxe. And to euery of the sayd commissiōns, ten cedules conteynyng in the tenor of thys acte shalbe affiled. By the whych commissiōn, the cōmissioners in euery such commissiōn, named accordyng to thys acte, & as many of them as shalbe appoynted by the same cōmission shal haue full power and auctoritie, to put the effecte of the same commissiōn in execution. And that by auctoritie of thys acte after such commissiōn to them directed, they maye by theyr assentes and agreamentes, seuer them selues for the execution of theyr cōmission in Hundredes, Lathes, Wardes, Rapes, wapentakes, Townes, paryshes, and other places within the lymytes of theyr sayd commissiōn, in suche forme as to the shall seme expedient to be ordered and betwene them to be commoned and agreed, accordyng to the tenour and effecte of the commissiōn to them therein directed vpon whych seuerance euerye persone of, thys present parliament that shalbe commissioner, shalbe assigned in the hundred wherein he dwelleth.

Provyded alwayes, that no person be, or shalbe compelled to be any commysioner, to and for the execution of thys present act, but on ly in the Shyre where he dwelleth and inhabyteth. And that anye persone beyng assigned to the contrarye thereof, in anye wyse shall not be compelled to putte in execution the effecte of thys acte, or anye parte thereof.

And it is also enacted by thauctortie of thys present parliament, that the commysioners, and euerye of them, whyche shalbe named, li- mitted and appoynted accordyng to thys act, to be commysioners, in euery such Shyre, Rydyng, Lath, wapentake, Rape, Citie, Towne Boroughe, Isle, and the sayd householdes or any other place, and none other, shall truely, effectually, and diligently, for theyr part, execute the effecte of thys present acte, accordyng to the tenor thereof, in euery be- halfe and none other wyse, by any other meanes, wythout omysyon fauor, dreade, malyce, or anye other thyng to be attempted and done by them, or any of them to the contrarye thereof.

And the said commysioners, and as many of them as shalbe appoin- ted by the sayd commysion, and none other, for the execution of the said Commysion and acte, shall for the taration of the sayde fyrst paymente of the sayd Subsidye, before the fyrst day of December next comming and for the taration of the sayde seconde paymente of the sayde Sub- sidye shall before the fyrst day of february, which shalbe in the yeare of our Lorde God, a thousande, fyue hundred, fyfty and fyre, by vertue of the commysions deliuered vnto them, in fourme abouesayde, dyrecte theyr seuerall, or ioynt precepte, vnto eyghte, seuen, fyre, fyue, foure or three, or mo, as for the number of the inhabitauntes shalbe requisit, of the moste substantiall discrete and honest persones, inhabitauntes to be named by the sayde commysioners, or by as many of them as shall be appoynted by the sayde Commysion, of and in hundredes, Lathes, Rapes, wapentakes, Wardes, Parishes, Townes, and other places aswell within liberties, fraunchises, aunciente demaynes, places ex- empted, a sanctuaries, as without within the lymyttes of the shyres, Rydynges, Lathes, wapentakes, rapes, cities, townes, boroughe, or Isle, aforesayd and other places within the lymyttes of theyr com- mission, and to the Constables Subconstables, Baylyffes, and other lyke offycers or ministers of euerye of the sayd hundredes, Townes, Wardes, Lathes, wapentakes, Parishes, and other places before sayde as to the sayd Commysioners and euery number of them, or vn to thre or two of them, by theyr discretion in diuision, shall seme expe- dient as by the maner and vse of that partyes shalbe requysite.

Strenghtly by the same precepte chargyng and commaundyng, the same inhabytauntes, Constables, and other offycers aforesayde, to whome such precept shalbe so dyrected to appeare in theyr propre per- sons,

sons before the sayde Commysioners, or such number of them as they shall deuide them selues, accordyng to the tenor of the sayd commission at certayne dayes and places by the sayde commissiioners or any number of them as is aforesayd, within Cities, Borowghes or townes corporate or without, in any other place as is aforesayde, by their discretions shalbe limited therevnto, to do and accomplyshe all that to the on the parte of the kyng and the queenes Maiesties, shalbe enioyned touchyng this acte, commaundyng further by the same precepte that he to whose handes such precepte shall come, shall shewe or Delyuer the same to the other inhabitauntes or offycers, named in the said precepte. And that none of them sayle to accomplyshe the same bypon payne of fourty shyllinges to be forseyted to the kyng and Queenes Maiesties.

And it is further ordeyned by the auctorite of this parliament that the sayde day and place presfired and limited in the sayd precept euery of the Commysioners, then beyng in the Shyre and hauynge no sufficient excuse for his absence shall at the sayd day and place presfired for that parte wherevnto he was limited, appeare in his proper person, and there the same commissiioners beyng present, or as many as shall be appoynted by the kyng and queenes Commission, shall call or cause to be called before them, the sayde inhabitauntes and offycers, to whome they haue directed the sayde preceptes. And whyche had in commaundement there to appeare by the sayd precepte of the said commissiioners, and yf anye persones so warned, make defaulte vnlesse he then be letten by spkenes or lawfull excuse, and that let then be witnessed by the othes of two credible persones, or yf any aparynge, refuse to be swozne in fourme folowynge to forseyte to the king & queenes maiesties fourty shillings, and so at euerye tyme appoynted by the sayd Commysioners for the sayd taxations, vnto suche time the number of euery such persons haue appeared, a certified in fourme vnder written, and euery of the so makynge defaulte, or refusing to be swozne to forseyte to the kyng and queenes maiesties fourtye shyllinges, and bypon the same appearaunce had, one of the most substantiall inhabitauntes or offycer, so being warned and aparyng before the sayde Commysioners, shalbe swozne bypon a booke openlye before the Commysioners in forme folowynge. I shal truly enquire with my felowes that shalbe charged with me of the Hundrede, wapentake, ward, Towne, or other place, of the best and most value of the substance of euery person dwellynge and abydyng wythin the lymettes of the places that I and my felowes shalbe charged wyth, and of other whych shall haue hys or theyr most resorte vnto any of the sayde places, and chargeable with any summe of money by this acte, of this sayd subse-dye, and of al other articles that I shalbe charged with touchyng the sayd

sayde acte, and accordynge to the intente of the same, and thereupon as nere as it may, or shall come to my knowledg, truely to presente, and certifie before you the names, surnames, and the beste and vttermost substance, and values of euerye of them, as well of landes, tenementes, and other hereditamentes, possessions, and proffytes, as of goodes, cattels, dettes, and other thynges, chargeable by the sayd acte, without any contelement, fauour, loue, affection, drede, feare, or malice, so helpe me god and the holy contentes of thys boke. And euerye other person, that shall appeare there yearly by the sayde preceptes, shall make lyke othe, and vpon the othe soo taken, as is aforesayde, by the inhabytauntes, and officers, of euerye hundredes, warde, wapentake, to wone, or other place, the sayde commissioners shal openly there rede, or cause to be reade vnto them, the sayde rates, and openly declare the effect of theyr charge vnto them, in what maner and fourme, they ought and shoulde make theyr certificat, accordynge to the rates, and summes thereof abouesayde, and of all maner of persones as well of aliens, and straungers denizens, or not denizens, inhabityng with in this realme, as of suche persones as be borne within the kyng and queenes obeysaunce, chargeable to thys acte.

And of the possessions, goodes, and cattels of fraternities, gylde corporations, brotherhodes, mysteries, and comminalties, and other as is abouesayde. And of persones, beyng in the parties, of beyonde the seas, hauryng goodes, or cattelles, landes, or tenementes, wythin this realme, as is beforesayde. And of all goodes, beyng in the custodie of any person or persones, to thuse of any other, as is abouesayde, by the whiche information and shewing the sayde persones, shoulde haue such playne knowledg of the true entente of thys presente acte, and of the maner of their certificate, that the same persones shall haue no reasonable cause, to excuse them by ignorance, and after such othes, and the statute of the sayde subbedye, and the maner of the sayde certificate to be made in wytyng, conteynyng the names and surnames, of euery person, and whether he be borne wythout the kynges and Queenes obeysaunce, or within and the best value of euerye person, in euery degree, as well of yearly value, of landes, and tenementes, and of such lyke possession, and proffytes, as the value of goodes, and cattelles, dettes, and euery thyng to theyr certyficate requysite, and necessarye to them declared, the sayde commissioners there beyng, shall by their discretions, appoynte, and lymytte vnto the sayde persones, another day, and place to appeare before the sayde commissioners, and chargynge the sayde persones, that they in the meane tyme shall make diligent inquirye by all wayes, and meanes of the premisses, and then, and there euerye of them, vpon payne of forfeyture of forty shyllinges to the kyng and queenes maiesties, to
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appeare at the sayde. newe prefixed daye and place, there to certifie
 vnto the sayde commissioners in wrytyng, accordyng to theyr sayde
 charge, and accordyng to the true intent of the sayde graunte of subse-
 dy, and as to them in maner aforesayde, hath bene declared, and she-
 wed by the commissioners, at whyche daye and place soo to them pre-
 fixed, yf any of the sayde personnes make defaulte, or appeare, & refuse
 to make the sayde certificate, that then euerye of them soo offendyng
 to forfeite to the kynge and Queenes maiesties, fourtye shyllinges,
 excepte onely a reasonable excuse of his defaulte, by reason of sickenes
 or other wyse, by the othes of two credible personnes, there wytnessed
 be had. And of such as appeare readye to make certificate, as is afoze-
 sayde, the sayde commissioners there beyng, shall take, and receaue
 the same certificat and euerye parte thereof and the names, values
 and substance of euery person so certified, and yf the same commissi-
 oners see cause reasonable, they shall examyne the sayd presenters ther
 of, and therevpon the sayd commissioners at the sayd dayes and place,
 by theyr agreement amonge them selues, shall from tyme to tyme open-
 ly there presyre a daye, at a certayne place, or places, wythin the limit-
 tes of theyr commission, by their discrecion, for theyr further procea-
 dyng to the sayde assessyng of the same subledye, and therevpon, at
 the sayde daye of the sayde certificat, as is aforesayde, taken, the same
 commissioners, shall make theyr precepte, or preceptes, to the consta-
 bles, subconstables, Baylyffes, or other offycers, of suche hundredes,
 wapentakes, to wnes, or other places aforesayde, as the same com-
 missioners shalbe of, compylyng and conteynyng in the same pre-
 cepte, the names and surnames of all personnes presented before them
 in the sayde certificate, of whome yf the sayde commissioners, or as
 manye of them, as shalbe therevnto appoynted by the kynge and que-
 nes commission, shall then haue behement suspecte, to be of more grea-
 ter value, or substance, in landes goodes, catteles, or summes of mo-
 ney oowyng to them, or other substance beforesayde then vpon suche
 person or persones shalbe certified, the same commissioners shall make
 theyr precepte or preceptes directed to the Constable Baylyffes, or
 other offycers commaunding the same Constable Baylyffes or other
 officers to whome such precepte shalbe dyrected, to warne suche per-
 sonnes whose names shalbe compyled in the sayde precepte at theyr
 mansions, or to theyr personnes, that the same personnes named in
 such preceptes, and euery of them shall personallye appeare before the
 sayd commissioners, at the same newe prefixed daye and place, there
 to be sworne, and examyned, by all wayes and meanes, by the sayde
 commissioners, of theyr greatest substance, and best value, and of all
 and euery summes of moneye owinge to them, and other whatsoever
 matter concernyng the premys, or any of them, accordyng to this
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act, at which day & place so prefired, the sayd cōmissioners, then there being, or as manye of the as shalbe therunto appoynted by the kynge and queenes cōmission, shal cause to be called the saide persons, whose names shalbe cōpyled in the said precept as is beforesayd, for their examination. And yf any of those persons which shuld be warned, as is beforesayd, to be examined, which at anye time after the warninge, & befoze the prefired day, shalbe within such place where he maye haue knowledg of his sayde appearaunce to be made, make default, & appare not, onlesse a reasonable cause, or els a reasonable excuse, by the othes of two credible persons befoze y said cōmissioners be truely alledged for his discharge, that then euery of the so making defaulte, to be taxed & charged to the kynge and queenes maiesties, with and at the double sūmes of the rate that he shuld or ought to haue bene set at, for and after the best value of his land, or substaunce, vpon him certified yf he had appeared, by the discretion of the commissioners there beyng. And in like maner, yf any of them suspected, as is beforesayd, appare, and refuse to be sworne in fourme folowynge, then euery suche offender to be taxed, and charged to the kynge and queenes maiesties, with and at the double sūmes of the rate he shoulde or oughte to haue bene set at, for, and after the best value of his substaunce, vpon him certified by the sayd persons that made the certificat, as is beforesayde, by the discretions of the sayde commissioners there then beinge. And whiche commissioners shal trauell with euerye of the personnes, so then and there appearynge, whose names shalbe expessed in the sayd precept, or preceptes, & in whome anye vehement suspecte was or shalbe had in forme aboue sayde, by all such wayes and meanes they can. And further the sayd cōmissioners or as manye of them as shalbe here vnto appoynted by the sayd cōmission by their discretions shal openly swere the same person in this maner and fourme folowynge.

I shal faythfully truly, and playnly accoꝝdyng to my knowledge shewe vnto you, the kyng and queenes Commissioners, and to other by you assigned, the beste and greatest value, or aboue, of all my perylly profyttes, in Landes, Tenementes, Renteg, or suche other lyke possessions, yearly profyttes, and fee, and the best and greatest value, of all my goodes and Cattels, & Summes of moneye to me owynge accoꝝdyng to the graunt of thys acte of Subledy, and truely aunswere to that I shalbe examined of, touchyng the premisses wythout couyn or deceypte, so helpe me God, and the holy contentes of thys boke.

And yf any person that shoulde appare be excused in forme aforesaid by wytnes of credable personnes, the same persones shalbe examined by theyr othes, of hys or theyr greatest and beste value & substaunce, so lackyng and excused & by the best of theyr certificat, or knowledge, or of the other first certificate, vpon hym or them made, the same per-

son so lackyng, & excused of his appearance, to be set, & rated, by the said commissioners or otherwise to be set, & rated, in this case as shall seme best by the discretions of the sayd commissioners. And yf it happen to be proued by witnes, his owne confession, or other lawfull wayes, or meanes wthin one yere after any such othe made, that the same persō so taxed & sware, was of any greater, or better value, in landes, goodes or other thinges aboue specified, at the time of his sayd othe, then the same person so sware did declare vpon his othe. That then such person so offendyng, shal lose & forfeyte to the king & quenes maiesties, as much more in lawfull money of England, as the same persō so sware, was set & taxed at, to pay for the sayd Subledy. And that euery spiritual person, at either of the said taxations of the said Subledy, shalbe rated & set accordyng to the rate abouesayd, of and for euery pounce, that the same spirituall person, or any other, to hys vse hath by discent bargayne or purchase, in fee symple, fee Tayle, terme of lyfe, terme of yeaeres, by execution, by warde, or by Coppye of Courteroll, in anye Manors, Landes, Tenementes, Rentes, Seruyces, Offices, fees, Corrodies, Annuities, or hereditamentes, after the true iust and perylly value therof, after and accordyng as other the kyng and quenes Maiesties subiectes, bothe wpythin this Realme, be charged in forme aboue remembred, so that it extende to the perylly value, of twentye shyllinges, or aboue. And yf any person certified or rated by vertue of thys acte be he commissioner, or other, to anye maner of value dothe fynde hym selfe greued with the same presentment, sessyng, or taryng, and therebpon complayne to the Commissioners, before whome he shalbe rated, sessid, or taxed, or before two of the, that then the sayd commissioners, shal by all wayes and meanes, examine perticulerlye and distinctlye the persones, so complaynaunte, and other hys neighbors, by theyr discretion of euery hys Landes and Tenementes, aboue specified and of euery hys goodes, cattels, and dettes, aboue mencioned and after due examination and perfytte knowledge therof, had and perceyued by the sayde Commissioners, whiche shall haue power by thauthoritie aforesayde. The sayde commissioners or two of them to whome any such complaynte shalbe made, by theyr discretions vpon the othe of the sayd person so complaynyng, may abate, defalke, encrease, or enlarge the same assent, accordyng as it shall appeare to them iust vpon the same examination. And the same Summe so abated, defalked, encreased, or enlarged, to be streated in forme, as hereafter ensueth. So that he cometh before the estreates of the same asselling be deliuered by the sayd Commissioners, into the kyng and quenes maiesties Exchequer. And yf it be proued by witnes, his owne confession, or other lawfull wayes or meanes, wthin a yere after anye suche othe made that the same person so taxed and sware, was anye better or greater

greater value in Landes, Goodes, or other thynges aboue specified, at the tyme of hys sayd othe, then the same personne so sworne dyd declare vpon his sayd othe. That then euerye such person so offendynge shal lose and forseyte to the kynge and queenes maiesties, so muche in lawfull money of Englande, as the same person so sworne, was set at or tared to paye, and all persons set rated and tared, as is aforesayde, shalbe bounde and charged by the same, & the Summe or Summes, vpon hym set to be due towarde the payment of the sayd Subsedye and to be leuied as hereafter shalbe specified.

And also it is enacted by the sayd auctoritie, that euery person to be tared at either of the sayd tarations as aforesayd, shalbe rated tared and set, & the Summe on hym set to be leuied at suche place where he and his familie at the tyme of the same presentment to be made shal kepe his house or dwelling, or where he then shalbe most conuersant abydyng or resiaunt or shall haue hys moste resorte, and shall be beste knownen at the tyme of the sayde certificat to be made, and no where els, and that no commissioner for thys Subsedye, shalbe rated or tared for his goodes or landes, but in the Shyre or other place, where he shalbe Commissioner and that yf anye person chargeable to thys act the tyme of the sayde assessynge, happen to be out of thys Realme and oute of Wales, or farre from the place where he shalbe knownen, then he to be set where he was last abydyng in thys realme or within Wales, and beste knownen & after the substance and value and other profyttes of euerye person knownen by the examination certificat and other maner of wyse as is aforesayde. The sayd Commissioners or as many of the as shalbe appoynted by the kynge & queenes maiesties commission shal after the rate aforesayd, set & taxe euery person according to the rate of the substance & value of his landes goodes & other profyttes, wherby the greatest & most best summe according to his most substance, by reason of thys act myght or may be set or tared.

Provyded alwayes, that euerye suche person which shalbe set or tared for payment of and to thys Subsedye for and after the yerelye value of hys landes tenementes and other reall possessions, or profyttes at anye of the sayde tarations, shal not be sette and tared for hys goodes and cattelles or other mouable substance, at the same taxation. And he that shalbe charged or tared for the same Subsedye, for hys goodes, Catels and other mouables at anye of the sayde tarations, shal not be charged, tared, or chargeable for hys landes or other reall possessions and profyttes aboue sayde, at the same taxation nor that any person be double charged for the sayd Subsedye, neither set or tared at seuerall places, by reason of thys act, any thinge contrarye in thys present act, not withstandinge.

And that it be ordeyned by the sayd auctoritie of this present parliament

liament, that no person hauing two mansions, or two places to resort vnto or calling hym selfe housholde seruaunt or waytynge seruaunte to the kyng and Quenes maiestyes, or other Lord or Lady, maister, or mistresse, be excused vpon his saying from the tare of the said sub- sedye, in neyther of the places where he may be set onlesse he bynge a certificate in waytynge from the Commissioners where that he is so set in dede at one place. And yf any other then commissioner happen to be set in two places, bypon certificate thereof made, the beste and most Summe vpon hym so tared to be taken & abyde, and thother to be discharged, so that the same certificate of hys assessynges and pai- ment be made thereof in waytynge vnder the seales of the commissi- oners, or of as manye of them as shalbe appoynted by the kyng and Quenes commission, whiche certificate so made shalbe at all tymes a sufficient discharge for hym and the collectour of the same, as well agaynst any collectour that shall demaunde the same bypon hym ra- ted or tared, as agaynst the kyng and Quenes maiestyes, and all other personnes. And yf anye personne that oughte to be sette, by rea- son of hys remouynge or resortynge to two places, or by reason of hys sayinge that he els where was tared, or by reason of anye priuiledge by hys dwellynge or abydyng in anye place (not beyng forpyrped in thys act) or other wise by his couyn or craft, happen to escape from the sayd taxations or eyther of them, and be not sette, and that proued by presentment, examination, or insourmation, before the sayd commissi- oners, or as many of them as shalbe by the same commission appoynt- ed, or by the Barons of the kyng and quenes maiesties exchequer, or two iustices of the peace of the countye where such person dwelleth, then euery such person that by such meanes or etherwise willingly by couine, shall happen to escape from the sayd taxations, or paymentes aforesayd or any of them, and not be rated, tared, & set shalbe charged vpo the knowledge and profe therof, wryth & at the double value that he shoulde, or oughte to haue bene set at afore, accordyng to hys beha- uoure. The same double value to be leuyed, gathered, & payde of hys goodes, and cattels, landes and tenementes, towards the sayd Sub sedye, and further to be punished, accordyng the the discretions of the Barons, iustices, and commissioners, before whome he shalbe conuic- ted for hys offence, and deceypt in that behalfe.

And further be it enacted by thauctoritie aforesayd that the sayde Commissioners of euery commission shall accordyng to theyr diuisi- ons, and after they be deuided haue full power and auctoritie by this Act, to sette, tare, and sesse euery other Commissioner ioyned wryth them in euery such Commission and diuision, and shal also assesse eue- ry assessour within their diuision, for hys & theyr goodes, landes, and other the premises, as is aboue sayd, by the which sayde commission, the

the sayd Commysponers shall indifferently sette, tare, and selle them selues and the sayde assessours, and that aswell the summes vpon euerye of the sayd Commissioners and assessours so selled, rated, & taxed, as the Summes made and presented by the presentours sworne as is abouesayd, shalbe wrytten certified set and estreated. And the estreats thereof to be made, wyth other the inhabitauntes of that partes, within the lymyttes of the same commission, and diuision so to be gathered and leuped, in lyke maner as it oughte or shoulde haue bene yf the sayde Comynissioner hadde not bene in the sayde Commyspon.

And that all personnes of the estate of a Baron or barons, and euerye estate aboue, shall be charged wyth theyr freeholde and value as is aforesayde, by the Chauncellour and keper of the great Seale, Treasurour of Englande, Lorde presydente of the kyng & queenes Maiestyes pryue counseill, and Lorde pryue Seale for the tyme byng, or other personnes, by the kyng and queenes Maiestyes aucthoritie, to be lymytted, and they to be charged for the sayde seuerall paymentes of the sayde Subsidye, after the fourme of the sayde graunte accordyng to the taxation aforesayde. And the Summes vpon them sette, wyth the names of the Collectours appointed for the gathering and payinge of the same, to be extreated deliuered and certified at dayes and places aboue specified by the Lorde Chauncellour, Treasurour, Lorde Presydente of the Councell, and Lorde pryue Seale, for the tyme byng, or suche other personnes as shall be lymytted by the kyng and queenes maiestyes, and after the taxes, and assesses of the sayd Summes, vpon and by the sayd assessyng, and certificate, as is aforesayde made the sayde Commissioners, or as manye of them as shalbe therevnto appoynted by the kyng and queenes maiestyes commission, shall wyth all speede, and wythout delaye, by the wrytyng extreated of the sayd tape thereof, vnder the seale, and signes manuel of the sayde Commissioners or of as manye of them as shalbe appoynted at the least to be made, shalbe deliuered vnto sufficient, and substantiall inhabitauntes Constables Subconstables, bayliffes and other officers ioyntly of hundredes townes paryshes, and other places aforesayde, within theyr lymyttes, or to other sufficient personnes, inhabitauntes of the same onely, by the discretion of the same commissioners and as the place and parties shall requyre, as well the particuler names, as surnames, as the remembraunce of al summes of mony taxed and sette of and vpon euery person as well man as woman chargeable to this Acte, householder and all other inhabitauntes, and dwellers within the sayde paryshes townes and places, contributorye to this Acte of Subsidye, by aucthoritie of whiche wrytyng, or estreate so deliuered the sayde officers or other persones so named and deputed seuerallye shall haue full power and aucthoritie by vertue of this Acte, immediatly after the deliuerie of the sayde wrytyng, or

estreate, to demaunde, leuue and gather of euerye personne therein specified, the summe, or summes in the same wyptynge, or estreate comprysed. And for none paymente thereof, to destreyne the same personne or personnes, so beyng behynde by theyr goodes and Cateles, and the dystresses so taken, to kepe by the space of eight dayes, at the costes and charges, of the owner thereof. And yf the sayde owner do not paye suche summe of money as shalbe taxed by this acte, wythin the same eyght dayes, then the same dystresse to be apprayled, by foure three or two of the inhabytautes, wheree suche dystresse is taken, and also to be solde by the sayde Constable, and other Collectour, for the payment of the sayde monye. And the ouerplus commynge of the sale, and keepynge thereof, yf anye be, to be immediatly restored to the owner of the same dystresse, whyche sayde offycers, and other personnes soo deputed to aske, take, gather, and leuue the sayde summes, shall aunswere and be charged for the portion onelye to them assygned, or lymitted, to be gathered, leuied and comprysed in the sayde wyptynge, or estreate, to them, as is beforesayde, deliuered vnto the vse of oure Soueraygne Lorde, and Ladye, the Kyng and the Queenes Maiesties, and the heyres and successours of oure sayd Soueraygne Ladye the Queene. And the sayde Summe in that wyptynge or estreate comprysed, to paye vnto the hyghe Collectoure, or Collectoures of that place, for the Collectyon of the same, in maner and fourme vnder wyrtten, therevnto to be named and deputed, and the same inhabytautes, and offycers, so gatherynge the same particuler summes for theyr collection thereof, shall retayne for euerye twentye shyllynge so by them receaued and payde, two pence, and that to be allowed at the paymente of theyr Collectyon, by them to be made, to the hyghe Collectoure, or Collectoures.

And further be it enacted by the sayde auctoritie, that the sayd Commissioners, or the more parte of them, as shall take vpon them the execution and busynes of the sayde Commysyon, shall for either of the same paymentes of the sayde Subledye, namee suche suffyciente, and able personnes, whyche then shall haue, and possede, Lande, and other Hereditamentes, in theyr owne ryght, of the yearelye value of tenne ponde, or goodes, to the value of one hundrethe markes at the leaste, and the persones seuerallye by the dyscretions of the same commissioners, in Shires, rydynges, Lathes, Wapentakes, Rapes, Cities, Townes corporate, and other whatsoeuer places, aswell with in places priuiledged, as wythout, not beyng forpyssed within thys act, to be hygh Collectoures, and haue the Collection, and receypte of the sayde summes, sette, and leuyable within the precyncte lymytte, and bondes, where they shalbe so lymitted to gather, and receaue. To euerye of the whych collectours, soo seuerallye named, the sayde Commissioners

stoners, or two of them at the leaste, shall with all speede, and wythout delaye, after the sayde whole Summe of the sayde Subsedye, be set by all the lymyttes of the same theyr Commysion, or in suche lymyttes as the hyghe collectours shalbe so seuerallye assygned, shal vnder theyr seales, and sygnes manuell, Delyuer one estreate, indented in parchement, to euery of the sayde hyghe collectours, compryng in it the names of all suche personnes as were assygned to leuye the sayde perticuler summes, and the summes of euerye hundrede, wapentake, towne, or other place aforesayde, wyth the names, and surnames of the personnes so chargeable, accorpyng to the estreate so fyrste therof made, as is aforesayde, and deliuered. And the Collectoure so to be assigned, shalbe charged to aunswere the whole summe, comprised in the sayd estreate, lymitted to his collection, as is aforesayd.

Wherbynded alwayes, and be it enacted by the aucthoritie aforesayde, that the sayd Commysioners, haupnge aucthoritie by thys acte to name, and nominate the sayd hyghe Collectours of the sayde Subsedye, shall immediatlye vppon the nomination, and electyon, take by aucthoritie of thys presente Parlyamente, suffeyente recognysaunces, or oblygations, wythoute anye fee, or rewarde to be payde therfore, of euerye personne soo by them to be named to be hyghe collectoure, to be bounde to the kynge and Queenes maiesties, in double Summe of the Summe of his collection, and to be endorled & made vpon such condition, that is to saye for the collection of the sayde fyrste payment of the sayd Subsedye, that if the sayde collectour his heirs or executours, do truely contente and paye to thuse of the kyng & queenes Maiesties, and theyres or executours of the Queenes Maiestie, in their recepte, of theyr Exchequer, before the fyrste Daye of Marche, next commynge so much of the sayde Some of mony, allotted, and appoynted to his Collection, as he shall collecte and gather. And contente and paye the resydue of his collection and charge within one moneth next after suche tyme as he hath gathered, and collected the same resydue. That then the sayde recognysaunce, or oblygation, to be void or ells to stande in full strengthe and vertue, And for the collectyon of the sayd Seconde payment, of the said Subsedye, vpon condition that yf the sayde collectour, his heires or executours, do truely content and paye, to thuse of the kyng, and Quenes maiesties, and theyres or executours of the Quenes maiestie, in their recepte of theyr exchequer, before the twentye Daye of Maye, whiche shalbe in the yere of our lord God a thousande, fyue hundred, fyfty and seuen, so much of the sayde Summe of money, allotted, and appoynted to his collection, as he shall collect, and gather, and content and paye the resydue of hys collectiō and charge, within one moneth nexte after suche tyme, as he hath gathered, and collected the same resydue, that then the sayde recognysaunce, or oblygation, to be voyde, or ells to stande in full strengthe

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and vertue, whiche sayde seuerall recognisaunces, or oblygations so taken, the sayde Commissioners shall seuerallye certifye, and delyuer into the kyng and quenes maiestyes Exchequer, wyth the seuerall certificates of the sayd tarations, and rates of the paymentes of the sayd subledye, at and by the tyme to them prescribed and appoynted by thys act, for the certificate of the sayde seuerall tarations of the sayde Subledye, bypon payne of forseynture of tenne poundes, to the kyng and quenes maiesties, for euerye recognisaunce or obligation not certifyed. And that euery such Collectour so elected, named and chosen vpon request to hym made, shall knowlege and make the sayde recognisaunce or obligation, bypon lyke payne and forseynture of tenne poundes to the kyng and quenes Maiesties for the refusall thereof, and euerye suche collectour so deputed, hauynge the sayde estreate in parchment as is aforesayde, shal haue auctoritie by thys acte to appoynt dayes and places within the circuitie of hys collection for the paiement of the sayde Subledye to hym to be made, and thereof to geue warninge by proclamation or other wyse, to all the sayde Constables or other personnes or inhabitauntes hauynge the charge of the perticuler collection wythin the hundredes, paryshes, to wnes, or other places by him or them lymitted to make paymente for theyr sayde perticuler collection of euery summe, as to them shall appertayne. And yf at the sayde daye and place so lymitted and prefixed by the sayd Collectoure, the sayde Constable, offycers, or other personnes or inhabitauntes, as is beforesayde, for the sayde perticuler collection appoynted, and assygned within suche Hundrede Citie, to wne or other place doo not paye vnto the sayde Collectours, the summe within theyr seuerall hundredes to wnes paryshes and other places, due and comprised in the sayde estreate thereof to them delyuered by the sayde Commissioners or some of them, as is beforesayde, or so muche thereof as they haue by any meane receyued, two pence of euerye pounce for the sayde perticuler collection, as is beforesayde alwayes to be thereof allowed excepted and abated, that then it shalbe lawfull to the sayde hyghe Collectours and euery of them, and to theyr assygnes, to distrayne euerye of the sayde Constables, offycers, and other inhabitauntes for theyr sayd seuerall and perticuler collection of the sayde Summes comprised in the sayde estreate and wyptynge thereof to them, and euerye of them, as is before expressed, delyuered, or for as muche of the same summe as so then shall happen to be gathered and leuyed and behynde, and vnpayde by the goodes and Cattels of euery of them so being behynde and the distresse so taken, to be kepte appraysed and solde as is aforesayde, and therof to take and leuye the summes, so then being behynde and vnpayde, and the ouerplus commynge of the sale of the sayde distresse yf any be, to be restored and delyuered vnto the owner in forme aboue remembred.

Provided

Provided alwayes, that no person inhabityng in any citie bozough
or towne corporate shalbe compelled to be an assessor or collector of
or for any part of the sayd Subsidy, in any place or places oute of the
sayd citie bozough or towne corporate, where he dwelleth.

And it is also by the sayd auctorite enacted, that yf any inhabi-
taunt or offycer, or whatsoever personne or personnes charged to and
for the collection or receyte of any parte or porcion of the sayde Sub-
sidy by any maner of meanes accordyng to thys act or any personne
or persons, for them selues, or as keeper, Gardyan, deputye, factour, or
attourney of, or for anye other person or persons of anye goodes, and
Cattels of the owner thereof, at the tyme of the sayde assessynges to be
made, beyng out of thys realme or in anye other partes not knownen,
or of and for the goodes and cattels of anye other person or persons,
of any corporation, fraternitie, misterie, or other whatsoever cominal-
tie, beyng incorporate or not incorporate, and all personnes hauynge
in theyr rule gouernaunce and custodye, any goodes or cattels, at the
tyme of the sayde assessyng, or anye of them to be made or whyche for
any cause, for and by collection, or for hym selfe or for any other, or by
reason that he hath the rule gouernaunce or custodye of anye goodes
or cattels, of any other person or persons corporation, cominalty, fra-
ternitie, gylde, or mysterie, or anye suche other lyke, or as factour, de-
putie, or attourney of, or for any person shalbe taxed rated valued & set
to any summe or summes by reason of this act, & after the taxatio, or assess-
syng vpon any such persō or persōs as shalbe charged with the receipte
of the same happen to die, or departe from the place where he was so
taxed & set, or hys goodes or cattels so eloynded, or in suche priuie and
couert maner kept, as the sayd persō or persōs charged with the same
by extreates or other wrytynges fro the said commissioners or as many
of them as shalbe therunto apoynted by the said comission as is afore-
sayd, can ne may leue the same summe or summes comprised within theyr
sayd extreates by distresse wīn the limitts of theyr collectio as is afore-
sayd, or cannot sell such distresse or distresses, as be taken for any of the
sayd payntes, before the tyme limitted to the hygh collector for his
payment, to be made in the king & quenes maiesties receypt, then vpon
relatio thereof made with due examinatio, by the oth or examinatio of
such persō or persōs, as shalbe charged with and for the recept & collec-
tion of the same before the said commissioners, or as many of them as
by the sayde comission, shall be thereunto appoynted, wheree suche
persō or persons or other as is aforesayde, theyr goodes and cattels
were set and taxed, and vpon playne certificate thereof made in the
kyng and quenes Maiesties Exchequer, by the same commissioners
as wel of the dwellynge place, names, and Summes of the sayd per-
sons, of whome the sayde Summes, can not be lenied, and had as is
afore-

aforesayde, then aswell the constables and other inhabitauntes, ap-
 poynted for the sayde perticuler collection agaynst the hyghe Collec-
 tores, as the highe collector vpon hys accompte and othe, in the sayde
 Erchequer to be discharged thereof, and procelle to be made for the
 kyng and Quenes Maiesties, out of the sayde Erchequer by the dis-
 cretion of the Barons of the Erchequer, agaynste suche personne hys
 heyres or executours so beyng behynde wyth hys paymente. And
 ouer that the same Commissioners, to whom any such declaration of
 the premisses shalbe made in forme aforesayd, from tyme to tyme, shall
 haue ful power and auctoritie, to directe theyr precepte or preceptes
 vnto the sayd person or persons, charged wyth any Summe of for or
 vpon any suche person or personnes, or other as is abouesayde, or to a-
 ny Shyreffe, Stewarde, Baylyffe, or other whatsoeuer officer my-
 nister person or personnes, of suche place or places, where anye suche
 person or persons so owyng such Summe or Summes, shal haue lan-
 des, and tenementes, or other hereditamentes, or reall possessions,
 goodes and Cattels, wherby anye suche person or persons, so indetted
 hys heyres, executours or assignes, or other hauynge the custody, go-
 uernaunce or disposition of any goodes cattels, Landes, tenementes
 or other hereditamentes, whych oughte or maye by thys acte lawful-
 ly be distrayned or taken, for the same, hath and shall haue goodes,
 Cattels, Landes, Tenementes and other possessyons, whereof suche
 Summe or Summes, whych by any such person or persons maye or
 oughte to be leuyed, be it within the Limittes of suche Commission,
 where suche person or personnes was and were taxed, or without in
 any place wythin thys realme of England, Wales, or other the kynges
 and queenes Maiesties Dominions, Marches, or Territoyses by
 whyche precepte as well such person or persons as shalbe charged to
 leuye such money as the officers of the place or places, where suche di-
 stresse may be taken shall haue full power and auctoritie to distrayne
 euerye suche person, indetted charged and chargeable by thys acte, or
 hys executours or administratours of hys goodes cattelles, his gar-
 dians factours deputes Leases fermours and assignes and all o-
 ther personnes by whose handes, or out of whose landes anye suche
 person shoulde haue rent, fee, annuitie or other profytte or whyche at
 the tyme of the sayde assessynges, shall haue goodes or cattels or any
 other thyng moueable of any such person or persons beyng indetted
 or owyng such Summe. And the distresses so taken caused to be kept
 apprayled and solde in lyke maner and forme as is aforesayd, for the
 distresse to be taken vpon such person to be taxed to the sayd Subsidy
 and beyng sufficiente to distrayne wythin the Limittes of the
 Collectours inhabitauntes or other officers charged with or for the
 same Summes, so vpon them to be taxed, and anye suche distresse for
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none payment, happen to be taken out of the limitte of the said persons charged and assigned to leuie the same, the persons so charged for the leuie of euery such summe by Distresse, shal perceiue & take of the same Distresse, for the labour of euery person, goynge for the execution thereof, for euery mile that any such person so labourerth for the same, two pēce. And euery fermour, tenaunte, gardian, factour, or other whatsoeuer person, beyng distrayned, or otherwise charged, for payment of anye suche summe or summes, or anye other summe, by reason of this acte, shalbe of suche summe or summes, of him or them so leuied and taken discharged & acquitted at hys nexte daye of payment of the same, or at the deliuey of suche goodes, and cattelles, as he that is so distrayned had in his custody and gouernaunce against him or them, that shalbe so taxed, and set, any graunte or writynge obligatorie or other whatsoeuer matter to the contrary made, heretofore not withstandinge.

And if any such person that should be so distrayned haue no landes, or tenementes sufficient whereby he or hys tenauntes, and fermours may be distrayned, or hath eloynd, aliened, or hydde his goodes, and Catels, wherby he should or myght be distrayned in such maner that such goodes and Cattelles shal not be knowen or founde, so that the Summe of or by him to be payde in the sayde forme, shal ne can be conueniently leuied; then vpon relation thereof vnto the commissyoners or to as many of them as by the sayd Commission shalbe therunto appoynted where suche person or personnes, was taxed and set by the othes of hym or them that shalbe charged with the leuie and payment of that summe or summes, the same commissioners shall make a precepte in such maner as is aforesayd, for to attache, take, & arrest, the body of such person or persons that ought to pay the said summes. And by thys acte shalbe charged wth, and for the sayde Summe or summes, and them so taken saufely to kepe in prison within the shyre or other place where any suche person or persons, shalbe taken and attached, there to remayne without bayle or maynepyce vntyll he haue payd the same Summe or Summes, that such persons for hym selfe, or for anye other by thys acte shalbe chargeable, or oughte to be charged withall. And also for the fees of euery suche arrest to hym or them that shall execute such precepte, twentye pence. And that euery officer vnto whome suche precepte shalbe directed, do his true diligence and execute the same vpon euery person so beinge indetted vpon payne to forfeyte to the kynge and Queenes Maiesties for euery defaulte in that behalfe twentye shyllinges, & that no keeper of anye Gaole, from hys gaole, suffer any suche person, to go at large by lettynge to bayle or otherwys to departe oute of hys prison, before he haue payde hys sayd det, & the sayde. xx. pence for the sayde arrest, vpo paine to forfeyte to the kynge and Queenes Maiesties, fortie shyllinges. And the same Gaoler

Gaoler to paye into the kynge and quenes Maiesties, the double
 value as well of the rate whiche the sayde persone so imprisoned was
 taxed at, as of the sayde twentye pence for the fees, and lyke processe &
 remedy in lyke foryne shalbe graunted by the sayde Commissioners, or
 as manye of them as by the sayde commission; shalbe therevnto ap-
 poynted at lyke information of euery person or persons, beyng char-
 ged with anye summe of money, for anye other persone or personnes,
 by reason of the sayd Subledye, and not thereof payde, but wilfullye
 wythdrawen, ne the same leuiable, within the limittes where suche
 person was therunto taxed. And yf the Summe or Summes beyng
 behynde vnpayde by any person or persons, as is aforesayd be leuyed
 and gathered by force of the sayd processe, to be made by the sayd com-
 missioners, or yf in defaulte, or for lacke of payment thereof the per-
 son or persons, so owynge the sayde Summe or Summes of money,
 by processe of the same commissioners, to be made as is aforesayd, be
 committed to prison, in forme abouesayd, that then the same commis-
 sioners whych shal awarde suche processe, shall make certificat therof
 in the said exchequer of that shalbe done in the premisses in the terme
 next folowing after such Summe or Summes of mony, so being behynd
 shalbe leuiyd & gathered, or suche person or persons for none payment
 of the same committed to prison. And yf it happen anye of the sayde
 collectours, to be assigned of anye maior, sheryffe, steward, constable,
 the headborough, household, Bayliffe, or anye other officer, or mini-
 ster or other whatsoeuer person or persons to disobey the sayde com-
 missioners or anye of them, in the reasonable request to them made by
 the sayd commissioners for execution of the sayd commission, or yf any
 of the officers or other persons do refuse that to them shal appertayne
 or belonge to do by reason of anye precepte to him or them to be direc-
 ted, or any reasonable comaundement, instance, or request touching
 the premisses, or other default in any apperance, or collection, to make
 or yf any person beyng suspecte or not, to be indifferentlye taxed as is
 aforesayd, do refuse to be examined accoording to the tenor of this act,
 befoze the sayd Commissioners, or as many of them as shalbe thervnto
 assigned as is aforesayd, or wyl not appeare befoze the same Com-
 missioners, vpon warnynge to him made, or els make resistaunce or
 rescous vpon any distresse vpon hym to be taken for any percell of the
 sayd Subledye, or commit any misbehauour in any maner of wise con-
 trary to thys act, or commit any wylful omission or other whatsoeuer
 wylfull, not doynge, or misdoynge contrarye to the tenor of thys acte
 or graunt, the same commissioners, and euery number of them aboue
 remebred, or two of them at the least bpō probable knowledge of any
 such misdemeners had by information, or examination, shal and may
 sette vpon euery such offender for euery such offence, in name of a fyne
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by the same offendour, to be forseyted, forty shillings, or vnder by the dyscreccion of the same Commyssioners. And further the same commyssioners and euery number of the, to two of them at the least, shal haue aucthoritie by thys presente acte, to punyssh euerye suche offender by imprysonmente there to remayne and to be deliuered by their dyscreccion as shal seme to them conuenient. The sayde synes yf anye suche be to be certified, by the sayde Commyssioners, that soo assessed the same into the sayd kyng and Quenes Maiesties Exchequer there to be leuyed and payde, by the collectoures of that partes, for the sayde Subsedye, retourned into the sayde Exchequer, to be there wyth charged with the payment of the sayd Subsedye in suche maner as yf the sayd synes hadde byn sette and taxed vpon the sayde offenders for the sayd Subsedye.

It is also enacted by the said aucthoritie of this parliament, that euery of the sayd hygh collectours, whych shal accompt for any parte of the sayd Subsedye in the kyng and Quenes Maiesties Exchequer vpon their seuerall sayde accomptes, to be yeldd, shalbe allowed at euery of the sayd paymentes of the sayde Subsedye for euery pounce lyMITTED to his collection, whereof anye such collector shalbe charged and yelde accompte, fyre pence as per cell of theyr charge, that is to say, of euery pounce thereof for such person as then haue had the per-ticuler collection in the Townes and other places, as is aforesayde specified in his collection two pence, and other two pence of euery pounce thereof euery of the sayde cheiffe Collectoures their accomptaunce to receyue to their owne vse for their labor and charge, in and aboute the premysse, and two pence of euery pounce. Residue to be deliuered, allowed and payde, by the sayd Collectours, so beyng thereof allowed to suche of the commyssioners as shal take vpon them the Busynes and labour, for and aboute the premysse, that is to say euery Collectour to pay that commyssioner or commyssioners, which had the orderynge of the wytynges, of and for the sayde Subsedye, where the sayd Collectoure or collectours had their Collection, for expences of the sayd Commyssioners, so takynge vpon them the sayde busines & labour of theyr clerkes, wytyng the sayd precepte and estreates for the sayde collections, the same laste two pence of euery pounce, to be deuyded amongest the sayd Commyssioners haunyng regard to theyr labour and busynes, taken by them or theyr sayd clerkes, in & aboute the premysse, for the whych parte so to the sayde Commyssioners at-taynyng the sayde Commyssioners. bi. v. iiii. iii. or as manye of them as shalbe therunto appoynted by the kyng and Quenes Maiesties Commyssion and euery of them ioyntlye and seuerallye for hys & theyr sayd parte maye haue his remedy agaynst the sayde Collector or collectoures, whych thereof ben and myghte haue bene allowed by actyon of dette, in whych the defendauite shal not wage hys lawe neyther

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protection, neither Immetion, or other choygne shalbe allowed. And that no person norwe being of the number of the compagne of this present parliament, nor any Commyssioner, shalbe named or assigned to be any collector or Subcollector, or presenter of the sayde Subsedye or of anye parte thereof, nor no Commyssioners shalbe compelled to make any presentment or Certifycat, other then in the kyng & quenes Maiesties Exchequer, of for or concernynge the sayde Subsedye, or anye parte thereof. And lyke wyse that none other persone that shalbe named or assigned to be Commyssioners in any place, to and for the execution of thys acte of Subsedye be or shalbe assigned or named hed collectours of any of the paymentes of the sayde subsedye, neyther of any parte thereof. And that every such person or persones, which shall be named and appoynted (as is aforesayde) to be hed collectours, in & for the fyyst payment of thys Subsedye, shall not be compelled to be collector for the Second payment of the same Subsedye, nor of anye parte thereof. And the sayde Collectours whyche shalbe assigned for the collection of the sayd Subsedye, or for anye parte thereof, and every of them be and shalbe acquitted and dyscharged of all maner fees, rewardes, and of everye other charges in the kyng and Quenes Maiesties exchequer, or else where, of them or anye of them by reason of that collection, payment, or accomptes, or any thyng concernynge the same to be asked, and that yf anye persone receyue and take anye fees, rewardes or pleasures of anye suche accomptaunt. That then he shall forseyte to the kyng & the Quenes maiesties, for every peny or value of penny so taken twenty pence, & suffer imprisonment at the kyng and Quenes maiesties pleasure. And after the taryng, and assessynge of the sayde Subsedyes, as is aforesayde, hadde and made, and the sayd estreates thereof, in parchment vnto the Collectours, in maner and fourme before rehearsed, deliuered, the said Commyssioners whych shall take vpon them the execution of thys acte within lymytes of theyr Commyssion by theyr agreaumentes shall haue metynge together, at which meting, every of the sayde commyssioners, whyche then shall haue taken vpon them the execution of any parte of the sayde commyssion shall by hym selfe or by his sufficient deputie truelye certifye & bryng forthe vnto the sayd commyssioners named in the sayde commyssion the certificat and presentmente made before hym and suche other commyssioners, as were lymyted with hym in one lymyt. Soe that the same certificate, maye be accompted and caste wyth other Certifycates of the other Lymytes, wythin the same Commyssion and then the sayde Commyssioners, and everye number of them vnto two at the leaste as is aforesaid yf any be in lyfe, or theyr executours, or administratours of theyr goodes, yf they be then dede, shall ioyntelye and seuerallye as they were deuyded wythin their Lymytes vnder their Seales, by theyr dyscreccion make one or seuerall wytynges,
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indented conteynynge in it aswell the names of the sayde Collectours by the commissioners for such collection, and accompte, in the Exchequer, and paymente in the sayde Receypte, deputed and assygned, as the grosse and seuerall Summes, wyrtten vnto euerye suche collector to receaue the sayde Subsidye. And also all fynes amerciamentes, and other forfeitures, yf anye suche, by reasonne of thys Acte, happen to be within the precyncte, and Lymytte of theyr Commyssion, to be certified into the sayde kyng and Queenes Maesties Exchequer by the sayde Commissioners, in which writing or wyrtynge, indented so to be certified shalbe playnely declared and expressed the hole and intire Summe or Summes, of the sayd Subsidie, seuerally lymitted, to the Collection of the sayde Collectours seuerally deputed and assigned to the Collection of the sayde Summes. So that none of the sayd Collectours soo certified in the sayde exchequer, shalbe compelled there to accompte, or to be charged, but onelye to and for the Summe lymitted to hys Collection, and not to or for any Summe lymitted to the Collection of his fellowe, but that euerye of them shalbe seuerally charged, for their parte lymitted to their collection. And yf the sayde Commissioners, ioyned in one Commyssion amyngeest them selfe in that matter, can not agree, or yf anye of them be not reddey or refuse to make Certificat wyth other of the same commissioners, That then the same Commissioners, maye make seuerall Indentures, in fourme aforesayd of theyr seuerall Lymittes or separacions, of Collectours within the lymittes of their Commyssion, vpon and in the hundres, wardes, wapentakes, Lathes Rapes, or suche other lyke diuisions, within their sayde seuerall lymittes of their Commyssion, as the places there shall requyre to be seuered and deuyded, as to the same commissioners, shall seme good to make diuisions, of their lymittes, or Collections, for the seuerall charges of the same Collectours, So that alway one Collector shalbe charged & accöpte for his parte to hym to be lymitted onelye by hym selfe, and not for any Summe lymitted to the parte of anye of hys fellowes, and the charges of euery of the Collectours, to be set and certified seuerally, vpon them and euery such Collector vpon hys accompte and payment of the Summe of monye, lymitted within his collection to be seuerallye by hym selfe acquitted, and dyscharged in the sayd Exchequer, wythoute payng any maner of fees, or rewardes, to anye person or persones, for the same, vpon the payne and penaltie, last a bouesayde, and not to be charged for anye portion, of any other Collectoure. And yf anye Commyssioner after he hath taken certifficat of them that as is aforesayde shall before anye suche Commyssioner be examyned and the Summes rated and sette, and the booke and wyrtynge thereof, beyng in hys handes, or yf any Collectoure or other person charged wyth anye receypte of anye parte of any of the sayd Subsidyes or anye other per-

lone taxed or other wyse by thys acte charged with and for anye per-
 cel of the said Subledyes, or with any other summes, or fine, amercia-
 mente penaltie, or other forfeyture, happen to dye before the commis-
 sioner, Collector or other whatsoeuer person or persones, haue execu-
 ted, accomplished, satisfied, or sufficiently discharged that whiche to
 every suche personne shall appertayne or belonge to do, accordynge to
 this acte, then the executors and heyres, of every suche person, and all
 other lessee of any Landes, or tenementes, that anye suche person be-
 ynge charged by this acte, and disceasinge before he be discharged
 therof, or any other to hys ble onelye had of estate of enheritaunce at
 the tyme that any such person was named Commissioner, Collector,
 or other wyse charged with and for any maner of thing to be done sa-
 tisfied or payde by reason of thys acte, and all these that haue in theyr
 possessions or handes, anye goodes, or cattels, that were to anye suche
 person at the tyme of his death, or anye Landes or Tenementes, that
 were the same persones, at the tyme he was as is aforesayde charged
 by thys act, shalbe by the same compelled and charged to doe, and ac-
 complishe in euerye case as the same person so beinge charged, shoulde
 haue done, and myght haue bene compelled to do, yf he hadde bene in
 playne lyfe after suche rate of the Landes, and Goodes of the sayde
 Commissioner or Collector, as the party shall haue in hys hande, and
 yf the same Commissioners for causes reasonable, them mouing, shall
 thinke it not conuenient to ioyne in one certificate, as is beforesayde,
 then the sayd person or persones, that shall fyyste ioyne together, or he
 that shal first certifie the sayd wrytyng indented, as is aforesayde, shal
 certifie all the names of the commissioners of y^e commissiō, wherby^o suche
 wrytinges shalbe there then to be certified, w^{ch} diuision of the hundre-
 des, wapentakes, wardes, tythynges, or other places, to and amonge
 suche commissioners, of the same commission, wyth the names of the
 same commissioners, where suche seuerations, and diuisions shalbe,
 with the grosse Summes of mony, as wel of, & for the sayd Subledy,
 taxed or set of or within the sayd hundredes, wardes, wapentakes, or
 other places to him or them deuided, or assigned, that shall so certyfy
 the sayde fyyste wrytyng, as of fynes, amerciamentes, penalties, or
 other forfeytures, if any happē to be within the same limittes, wherof
 the same wrytynges shalbe certified, and after such wryting indented
 which as is aforesayde shalbe certified, and not conteyne in it the hole
 and ful Summes, sette, and taxed, wythin the Lymittes of the same
 Commission, the other Commissioners of the same before the daye
 of paymente of the sayde Subledy, shall certifie into the sayde Exche-
 quer by theyr wrytyng or wrytynges indented to be made as is afoze
 sayd, the grosse and seueral Summes set, and taxed within the places
 to them limited for the sayde Subledye, and other fynes, amercia-
 mentes,

mentes, penalties, and forfeitures, woth the names of the Hundre-
des, wardes, wapentakes, and other places to them assigned, or elles
by theyr sayd writynges indented, to certifie at the sayde place before
the sayde Dape of payment, suche reasonable causes for theyr excuses,
why they may not make suche certificat, of and for sayd the Subsedye
whiche fines, amerciamentes, and other forfeitures, growynge or set
by reason of the causes of theyr lettes, or of theyr none certifyinge as
is aboue sayde, or ells in default thereof processe to be made out of the
kyng and quenes maiesties Erchequer, agaynst the sayde Commis-
sioners, and euerye of them, not makynge certificat as is aforesayde, by
the discretion of the Tresurer or Barons of the sayd Erchequer.

Þrouided alwayes, and be it enacted by thautozitie aforesayde,
that the inhabitauntes of the parisse of Saynt Martyn, called Stāp-
ford Baron, in the Suburbes of the Borowe, and to wne of Staun-
ford in the South parte of the water, there called Wellande, whyche
hereafter shalbe contributorye to the payment of this presēt Subsedye
graunted to the kynge and quenes maiesties, theyr heyres and suc-
cessours, shalbe assessed, rated, and taxed for thys tyme by suche Com-
missioners, whiche shalbe appoynted for the taryng, ratynge, and ses-
syng of such Subsedye, or tare within the countye of Lyncolne, & shal-
be for thys time contributory, and paye the sayd Subsedye to the Col-
lector, or Collectors, whych shalbe assygned and appoynted, for the le-
uuyng and gatherynge of the same, woth the Aldermen and Burges of
the sayd Borowgh, and to wne of Stampforde.

Þrouided alwaies, & be it enacted by thautozitie aforesayd, that al
and euery persō, & persōs, hauing manours, landes, tenementes, & other
hereditamentes, chargeable to the payment of the subledye graunted to
the king & quenes maiesties, by this act, & also hauing spiritual posses-
sions chargeable to their said maiesties, by þ graūt made by the clergie
of this realme in this their cōuocatiō. And ouer this, hauing substāce
in goods & cattels chargeable by this said act, þ then yf any of the said
persone or personnes be hereafter charged, assessed, and taxed for the
sayde Manours, Landes, and Tenementes, and spirituall possessions,
and also assessed, charged, and taxed for his or theyr goodes, & cattels,
that then he or they shall be onely charged by vertue of thys Acte,
for his and their sayd manours, landes, tenementes, hereditamentes
and spirituall possessions, or onely for his sayde goodes, and cattelles,
the best therof to be taken for the kynge and Quenes maiesties, and
not to be charged for both, or double charged for anye of them, anye
thing in this act conteyned to the contrary in any wise notwithstanding.

Þrouided alwaies, that this graunt of subledye, nor any other thyng
therein conteyned, in anye wyse extende to charge the inhabitauntes
or dwellers wythin Irelande, Callys, Hammes, Guyfnes, and the
marches of the same, Jernsey, and Garnesey, or any of them, of or con-
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cernynge any manours, landes, tenementes or other possessions goodes, Cattels, or other moueable substaunce, whyche the sayde inhabytautes, or dwellers, or any other to theyr vse, haue within Irelande, Callys, Hammes, Gynnes, or other the marches of the same, Jernesey Barnesey, or in any of them, of for or concernynge any fees, or wages whyche any of the sayde inhabytautes, or dwellers haue, of the king and Quenes maiesties, for theyr attendaunce, and doyng service to our sayde Soueraygne Lorde and Lady, in Irelande, Callys, Hammes, Gynnes, and the marches of the same, Jernesey and Barnesey or in any of them, any thyng in this present Acte to the contrarie notwithstanding.

Provyded also that thys present Acte of Subsidye, ne any thing therein conteyned, extende to any of the Englyshe inhabytautes, or resyautes, in anye of the counties of Northumberland, Cumberland Westmerlande, the towne of Barwyke, the towne of Newcastell vpon Tyne, and the Bysshopryke of Durham, nor to anye of them of for or concernynge any manours, landes, tenementes, or other possessions goodes, cattels, or other moueable substaunce, which the same inhabytautes or dwellers, or anye other to theyr vse, haue within the said Counties of Northumberland, Cumberland, Westmerlande, or the towne of Barwyke, the towne of Newcastell vpon Tyne, or the bishopryke of Durham, or any of them, or of, for, or concernynge any fees or wages whyche any of the sayde inhabytautes, or dwellers haue of the kynge and Quenes maiesties, for theyr attendaunce, and doyng service to the kynge and Quenes maiesties, for, or within the sayde counties of Northumberland, Cumberland, Westmerland, the towne of Barwyke, the towne of Newcastell vpon Tyne, and the bishopryke of Durham, or any of them, to or for the sayde taryng, leuyng, gatherynge, or paymente, but that the Englyshe inhabytautes, and resyautes, and euery of them of the sayde counties, bishopryke, and Townes, and euery of them, shalbe of and from the sayd subsidye, and euery perceill thereof, and for theyr manours, landes, tenementes, fees, wages, goodes, and cattels, lying, and beyng in the same countres, Townes, and bishopryke, or anye of them utterly acquyted, and discharged, any thyng in this presente acte before rehearsed to the contrary notwithstanding.

Provyded also that all letters patentes, graunted by the king and Quenes maiesties, or any of theyr most noble progenitours, to anye cities, Borroughes, or townes within thys realme of anye maner of liberties, priuileges, or exemptions from the burden and charge of anye suche grauntes of Subsidies whyche be at thys present tyme in force, and payleable, shall remayne good and effectuell to the sayde Cyties, borroughes, and townes hereafter, accordyng to the purpoxe thereof though the inhabytautes of the same, shall vpon the greates weygh-
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the consideration of the graunte abovesayde, be for this graunt charged, and contributory in lyke maner fourme, and sorte, as other cities boroughes, and townes whiche be not in any wyse pryviledged, be fro such graunte of Subledye excepted.

Provyded alwayes, and be it enacted by thauuthoritie aforesayde that no Dyphant, or Infant, within the age of .xxi. yere, borne wythin any of the kynges and Queenes maiesties domynions, shalbe charged to any payment of this Subledye, for his goodes and Cattel to hym leste, or bequethed, any thyng in thys acte conteyned to the contrary notwithstanding.

Provyded also, and be it enacted, that forasmuch as dyuerse, & sondry the kyng and Queenes maiesties tenants, and other inhabytautes, and dwellers within the counties of Denbroke, Carmarthen, Cardigan, Glamorgan, Brecknocke, Radnour, Monnegomery, Denbyghe, Flynte, Merioneth, Anglesey, Carnaruan, and of the countye Palantyne of Chester, be at thys present tyme charged and chargeable with the seuerall paymentes of dyuerse great summes of mony, by the name of Myse, due to theyr maiesties, accordyng to the seuerall customes of the sayd counties. For the paymente whereof, dyuerse and sondry the gentlemen, and other the inhabytautes of the sayd counties, be and shonde bounde to their hyghnes. Be it therefore ordeined and enacted by thauuthoritie aforesayde, that thys acte of Subledye or any thyng therein conteyned, shall not extende to charge anye of the quenes maiesties tenants, and other thynhabytautes, & dwellers within any of the sayd counties of Denbroke, Carmarthen, Cardigan, Glamorgan, Brecknocke, Radnoure, Monnegomery, Denbyghe, Flynt, Merioneth, Anglesey, Carnaruan, and the countye palantyne of Chester, beyng charged, or chargeable with the sayd mise, for, or in anye of the paymentes of the sayde Subledye graunted to the kyng and quenes maiestie by thys acte, vntyll the seuerall dayes, and tymes appoynted, and agreed for the paymentes of the sayde mys: shalbe expyred. And that the fyrste payment of the sayde Subledye shalbe made at the receypte of the quenes exchequer, before the fyrste daye of Marche then nexte folowynge, after the daye appoynted for the latter payment to be made of the sayde mys. And the seconde, or laste payment of the sayde Subledye, to be made by, or before the .xx. daye of Maye, in the nexte yere folowynge, after the sayde fyrst payment of thys Subledye.

And furthermore be it enacted by thauuthoritie aforesayd, that the Tenantes, and dwellers of euery of the sayde countyes in thys pro-
 upso remembred, shall seuerallye before the feaste of Penthecost, nexte ensuynge, certifye in the sayde Courte of Exchequer, vnder the seales of two iustices of peace of euery of the sayd countyes, wherof the one to be of the *Agorum*. when and what day the laste payment of the sayde
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seuerall myses now due in anye of the sayde countyes, shall ende and expire.

Provyded also, that the sayde graunte of Subsidye, or any other thynge therein conteyned, doo not in anye maner of wyse extende, to be preiudiciall, or hurtfull to thynhabytauntes, or resyauntes at thys present tyme, within the fyue portes corporate or to any of the members incorporate, or vnited to the same fyue portes, or to anye of the same fyue portes, or of or for any parte, or percell of the sayde Summes graunted in thys present parliament of the sayde inhabytauntes now resyaunt, or any of the, to be taxed, let, asked, leued, or payed, but the sayd inhabytauntes, and resyauntes in the sayd fyue portes, and their members, be and shalbe of, and from the sayd graunte and payment of the sayde Subsidye duryng the resyaunce there, and no longer clearly acquitted and dyscharged. Any matter, or whatsoeuer thynge in thys presente acte had or made to the contrary notwithstanding.

Provyded also that thys acte, nor any thynge therein conteyned, shall extende to the goodes or landes of any colledge, hal, or hostel, within the vniuersities of Oxenforde, and Cambraydge, or any of the, or to the goodes or landes of any colledge of Wynton, founded by bishop Wyckham, or to the goodes or landes of any college of Eton, next Wyndesore, or to any goodes or landes of any comon fre grammer scole within the realme of England, or Wales, or to any goodes of any reader, scolmaster, or scole within the sayde vniuersities, or colleges, or anye of them there remaynyng for studie, wythout fraude or couyn, or to the goodes and landes of any hospytall, measondrie, or Spytellhouse, prepared and vsed for the sustentation and reliefe of poore people. Anye thynge in this acte conteyned to the contrary in any wyse notwithstanding.

God saue the kyng, and the Queene.

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